

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2010

The 2010 workshop marked the twenty-first birthday of the Competition Law and Policy Institute of New Zealand, and its twenty-first stimulating and thought provoking workshop. Following the successful format and venue of the 2009 workshop, this year's venue was the central premises of DLA Phillips Fox in Wellington, with its delightful views over the waterfront. The Board is most grateful to DLA Phillips Fox for making this venue available, enabling both lower costs and registration fee again this year.

We were very fortunate to have had a full platform of excellent speakers to mark this special occasion, the foremost being our keynote speaker, Dr Dennis Carlton from the University of Chicago, and Senior Managing Director of Compass Lexecon Inc. Our other speakers included the Hon Justice John Fogarty (High Court of New Zealand), Peter Taylor (Commerce Commission), Nathan Strong (GM Pricing and Regulation, Unison), Professor Lew Evans (Victoria University of Wellington), Kerrin Vautier (Research Economist), Nick Flanagan (Meredith Connell), Paul Scott (Victoria University of Wellington), Victoria Heine (Chapman Tripp), Denese Bates QC (Auckland), John Land (Kensington Swan), Dr Rhonda Smith (Melbourne University), Stephen Gale (Castalia), Jenny Stevens (Bell Gully), and Ross Young (Commerce Commission). All presented insightful papers and commentaries on a wide range of topical subjects.

I would like to thank all the speakers and commentators, and also the other session chairs (Mark Williamson, Professor Louise Longdin, Professor Ian Eagles, Ian Denton and Jenny Stevens) for their hard work behind the scenes as well as on the day itself. Thank you also to all who participated in the workshop discussions, and to our excellent after dinner speaker Professor Tim Hazledine, who both informed and entertained us at the very enjoyable workshop dinner at Wellington's prestigious White House restaurant at Oriental Bay.

As in previous years, much of the success of the workshop was due to the co-ordinated teamwork of the Institute's Advisory Board, and our hardworking and ever helpful Secretary-Treasurer, Val Browning. I do hope you have enjoyed our twenty-first workshop, and that you will join us again next year for a further occasion for stimulating discussion and debate. We have much to thank the foresight and determination of the First Director, Lindsay Hampton, and his team, for setting up this Institute twenty-one years ago.

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Director
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