Competition Law and Policy Conference “Root and Branch” Review: Bolstering Productivity and Efficiency

Date: Wednesday 6 August 2014
Time: 8.55am – 12.45pm
Venue: UNSW CBD Campus, Level 6, 1 O’Connell Street, Sydney

The Conference will provide a forum for policymakers, competition lawyers, corporate counsel, economists, regulators and academics to raise concerns with the current system and float new ideas as the audience participates in the panel discussions.
Facilitator and Chair: Associate Professor Deborah Healey, Faculty of Law, UNSW

8.55am Welcome from Chair

9.00am

**Keynote:** “Competition Policy: A Rethink”  
Professor Fred Hilmer, Vice Chancellor UNSW

9.30am

**Session 1** The Big Picture and the Economic Core of the Review: Bolstering Productivity and Efficiency
- Key issues for the Competition Policy Review  
  Professor Ian Harper, Chair of Review  
- Competition Policy and Internal Firm Efficiency  
  Professor Richard Holden ASB  
- Building a Contestable Public Service Economy  
  Professor Gary Sturgess ANZSOG

Q&A – Panel invited to answer questions from Facilitator and Audience

11.00am Morning Tea

11.15am

**Session 2** Legal issues: Essential Considerations
- Streamlining Competition Laws: Reducing Complexity and Cost  
  Luke Woodward, Gilbert & Tobin  
- Market structure and Competition Law Oversight  
  Sharon Henrick, King & Wood Mallesons  
- Business to Business dealings and resetting the standard for section 46  
  Michael Corrigan, Clayton Utz  
- Cartels – Time for Clarity  
  Kon Stellios, Allens

Q&A – Panel invited to answer questions from Facilitator and Audience

12.45pm CLOSE

12.45 – 1.30pm Light lunch will be served to all participants after the conference
About the Speakers

Professor Fred Hilmer, Vice Chancellor UNSW, has had a long association with Competition Policy from the seminal Hilmer report to today.

Policy and Economics Panel:

Professor Ian Harper PhD (ANU), MEc FASSA, BEc Hons (Qld), FAICD

Ian Harper is one of Australia’s best known economists. In 2014 Ian was appointed to chair the Abbott Government’s Competition Policy Review, a “root and branch” review of Australia’s competition policy, laws and regulators. In March 2011, Ian joined Deloitte Access Economics as a Partner and hold a visiting chair at Melbourne University. Ian is a member of the Advisory Board of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Australia and was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2000 and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 2009.

Professor Richard Holden (PhD, AM Harvard; BEc (Hons) Sydney).

Richard Holden is Professor of Economics at the University of New South Wales, Australian School of Business and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. Previously he was on the faculty at the University of Chicago and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received a PhD from Harvard University, where he was a Frank Knox Scholar. He is currently editor of the Journal of Law and Economics, and is the founding director of the Herbert Smith Freehills Initiative on Law & Economics at UNSW.

Gary Sturgess, ANZSOG, UNSW

Gary L. Sturgess holds the NSW Premier’s ANZSOG Chair of Public Service Delivery at the University of NSW and is Professor of Public Service Innovation at the School of Government and International Relations at Griffith University. He serves on a number of public sector advisory boards, and advises a number of departments and agencies on the design of contestable markets for the delivery of public services. He was Director-General of the NSW Cabinet Office in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and spent ten years based in London, managing the Serco Institute, a corporate think-tank which specialised in the design and management of public service markets.

Legal Panel:

Luke Woodward, partner, Gilbert&Tobin

Luke is recognised as leading lawyer in competition by numerous publications. Prior to joining the firm in 2000, Luke held senior positions at the ACCC as General Counsel, Executive General Manager, Compliance Division (responsible for enforcement) and Senior Assistant Commissioner, responsible for mergers and asset sales. Luke has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, as well as degrees in economics and law (with honours) from the University of Sydney.

Michael Corrigan, partner, Clayton Utz

Michael is a partner in the Competition law team in the Sydney office of Clayton Utz and has practiced in the area for some 25 years. He is current Chair of the Law Council of Australia’s Competition and Consumer Committee. Michael has been involved in a number of section 46 actions over the years.

Sharon Henrick, partner, King & Wood Mallesons

Sharon Henrick is the Head of the firm’s Australian Competition Law and Regulatory Team. Sharon won Global Competition Law Review’s Merger Control Matter of the Year – Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, Euromoney’s Women in Business Law Award for Competition – Australia.

Kon Stellios, partner, Allens

Kon is a competition law specialist with significant expertise in competition law litigation, policy and regulation and is a member of the Competition and Consumer Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia. Kon is listed as a leading competition and antitrust expert in Chambers Asia Pacific 2011 – 2014

Facilitator and Chair

Associate Professor Deborah Healey, UNSW LAW

Deborah joined the Faculty of Law after practising extensively as a commercial lawyer with a major focus on competition law. She has written widely on Australian and Asian competition law and policy and teaches various courses in competition law at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is Director of the Corporate and Commercial LLM Program.
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