



## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2003**

The primary role of the Institute is to run a dynamic annual workshop in which a wide range of well regarded, world class speakers from various jurisdictions including our own are invited to participate. This is the fourteenth year that the Institute has been successful in achieving this aim with the Workshop 2003 focusing on recent European and Australian developments as well as events on the home front. We were very fortunate this year in our keynote speaker John Cook of Norton Rose, Brussels who has had over twenty years experience as a competition and EC lawyer, experience gained both in private practice and with government and regulators. Other overseas contributors enhancing the workshop this year were Justice Heerey of the Federal Court of Australia and Donald Robertson, partner in Freehills, Sydney and Associate Professor at Melbourne Business School. The Institute is also greatly indebted to all those New Zealand participants who gave up precious leisure time to come along and address what remain in some cases highly controversial issues. Thanks also go to our dinner speaker Tom Weston and those involved in chairing the six workshop sessions.

The Institute decided to continue with its experiment in 2002 with the Te Papa venue in departing from the roundtable format that characterised the first twelve workshops and opting for small oval tables. Another difference from previous workshops has been the greater reliance by speakers on audio visual aids.

This year is also the first year in which the Institute has had to do without the experience and expertise of Justin Kerr, our Secretary and Treasurer since 1989. While the Institute was aware Justin was trying to wean it of his services and several attempted resignations failed, he has finally succeeded in escaping. The Institute would like to record its strong appreciation to Justin for all that he has done for it over the last thirteen or so years. Our new Secretary and Treasurer Val Browning has coped most valiantly with setting up a new database and learning who is who and all the various the ins and outs associated with what is quite an idiosyncratic organisation. Our thanks go to her as well.

I hope you enjoyed the Workshop and found it stimulating and useful.

Ian Eagles  
Acting Director