



## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2004**

This is the fifteenth year that the Institute has been successful in achieving its *raison d'être* which 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 year the Workshop 2004 focused on Canadian merger developments as well as events on the home front. We were very fortunate this year in our keynote speaker Michael Trebilcock, Professor of Law and Economics at the University of Toronto and Director of that University's Law and Economics Programme. Professor Trebilcock has also served for several years as a lay member on the Canadian Competition Tribunal and is well known to academics and practitioners alike for his definitive book (co-authored with Ralph Winter, Paul Collins and Edward Iacobucci, *The Law and Economics of Canadian Competition Policy* (University of Toronto Press, 2002).

Other overseas contributors enhancing the workshop this year were Professor David Round of the University of South Australia and Emeritus Professor Warren Pengilley of the University of Newcastle. Nor should we forget the insightful offerings of our local speakers Robert Fardell, John Small and Paul Scott and their hard working commentators. 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 Judge Mark O'Regan and those involved in chairing the six workshop sessions.

I am sure you all enjoyed the Workshop as much as I did and found it both stimulating and useful.

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