



Director's Report 2005

The Institute was formed in 1989 to act as a forum for the exchange of information, views and expertise in the field of competition law and policy. A central aim of the Institute is to conduct an Annual Workshop. This is the Institute's Sixteenth Annual Workshop.

In line with the Institute's policy of bringing out to New Zealand leading overseas authorities in competition law and economics, the Institute invited Professor Stephen Calkins, Professor of Law and Director of Graduate Studies at Wayne State University Law School to give the keynote speech at this year's Workshop. Professor Calkins is counsel to the Washington, D.C., law firm, Covington & Burling, and a former General Counsel to the US Federal Trade Commission.

Other overseas contributors enhancing the Workshop this year were Professor Emeritus Warren Pengilley of the University of Newcastle, David Shavin QC of the Victorian Bar and Ian Tonking of the New South Wales Bar.

Our local speakers, John Turner, Anne Callinan and Peter Taylor, presented valuable papers on a range of topical subjects.

I would like to thank all the speakers and those who commented on their papers. I would also like to thank the chairs of the sessions and those who participated in the ensuing discussions. Thanks also to our after-dinner speaker Professor Warren Pengilley.

This year saw the introduction of a two-tiered fee structure. The new fee structure has worked well, facilitating more efficient planning.

As Director for 2005 I have been very fortunate to have had the assistance of a very supportive Advisory Board and an efficient Secretary-Treasurer. Each of the Institute's officers has competing demands for their time and I am greatly indebted to them for their valuable assistance and wise counsel.

Lindsay Hampton
Director