

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2014



2013 was the twenty fourth year in which the Competition Law and Policy Institute of New Zealand successfully delivered a dynamic and thought provoking workshop in which a wide range of well regarded, world class speakers from various jurisdictions, including our own, were invited to participate. The workshop was held in the splendid premises of Simpson Grierson in Auckland and the Board is grateful to Simpson Grierson for once again making this space available enabling both lower costs and registration fee.

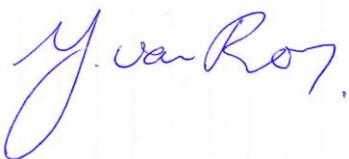
The Competition Law and Policy Institute of New Zealand was very fortunate that Michael Jacobs agreed to be our keynote speaker. Professor Jacobs, Distinguished Research Professor of Law at DePaul College of Law, is an internationally recognised expert in antitrust and competition law. His articles on those topics have appeared, among other places, in the Yale Law Journal, the Northwestern Law Review, the Minnesota Law Journal, the William and Mary Law Review, the Antitrust Law Journal, the Indiana Law Journal, the Journal of Competition Law and Economics, the Columbia Business Law Review, and the Berkeley Technology Law Journal. His work has been cited in two separate opinions of the US Supreme Court. In 2000, he was the Fulbright Distinguished Chair for Italy. Professor Jacobs also holds faculty positions at the University of New South Wales and Melbourne University, and is an Honorary Professor at Shandong University Law School in China. He lectures and consults extensively in the United States, Australia, Southeast Asia and China. In the opening keynote session on Friday afternoon, his focus was on Joint Ventures: Distinguishing Collaborative Activity and Anti-Competitive Collaboration. John Land (Bankside Chambers) acted as commentator on Professor Jacobs' paper.

In the second session on the first day there was a competition enforcers' panel discussion with input from competition regulators

on both sides of the Tasman (Dr Mark Berry and Dr Jill Walker). Session Three on Saturday morning provided useful insights into the use and value of econometrics in competition regulation with Professor David Round commenting on a paper presented by Ben Gerritsen (Castalia). Session Four was devoted to a panel discussion on a very topical subject, the Counterfactual Test for Substantial Lessening of Competition with panellists Justice Terrence Arnold, Peter Taylor and Dr John Small. Following lunch, Matt Sumpter (Chapman Tripp) presented a paper on Margin Squeezing with James Mellsop (NERA) acting as commentator. To conclude Saturday's proceedings, Andy Matthews (Matthews Law) and Mary-Anne Borrowdale (General Counsel, Commerce Commission) both spoke on international information exchange between regulators and third party claimants.

The restaurant for Friday night's dinner was Sidhart located at Three Lamps in the heart of Ponsonby. It proved to be good choice being relatively small and intimate and many guests praised both its ambience and innovative cuisine. Alex Sundakov was our much appreciated after dinner speaker.

As CLPINZ Director, I have been blessed with a very supportive Advisory Board and the efficient services of our ever helpful Secretary-Treasury, Val Browning. If you have enjoyed and benefited from the 2014 Workshop I sincerely hope you will consider participating again next year.



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Director