

# 2025 Competition & Consumer Workshop

4-5 September 2025 | Ritz Carlton, Melbourne

WORKSHOP DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 4 September 2025	
9:15am – 9:45am	Morning Tea & Registrations
9:45am – 10:00am (15mins)	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Peta Stevenson</b> , Chair, Competition & Consumer Committee
10:00am – 11:00am (1 hour)	<b>Opening Address</b> <i>The Chair of the ACCC will give the opening address</i> <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Gina Cass-Gottlieb</b> , ACCC
11:00am – 11:45am (45mins)	<b>International Keynote:</b> <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Andrea Gomes de Silva</b> , Fingleton
11:45am – 12:15pm (30mins)	Tea & coffee break
12:15pm – 1:30pm (1 hour, 15mins)	<b>Session 1: Anatomy of a merger - The economics of a post-reform world</b> <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Phillip Williams</b> , ACCC <b>Greg Houston</b> , HoustonKemp <b>George Siolis</b> , RBB <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Felicity McMahon</b> , Allens
1:30pm – 2:15pm (45mins)	Lunch
2:15pm – 3:30pm (1 hour, 15mins)	<b>Session 2: Refocusing on remedies: Implications for competition and consumer law enforcement?</b> <u>Speakers:</u> <b>The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Bennett</b> , Federal Court of Australia <b>Alice Muhlebach</b> , Aickin Chambers <b>Chris Hart</b> , RBB <b>Martyn Taylor</b> , Norton Rose Fulbright <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Jennifer Barron</b> , King & Wood Mallesons

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3:30pm – 4:45pm (1 hour, 15mins)	<p><b>Session 3: Towards a new digital competition regime - Ex ante regulation, DPSI &amp; beyond Digital Platforms</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>    <b>Lena Vanmali</b>, Meta</p> <p>                      <b>Chris Whelan</b>, RBB</p> <p>                      <b>Bronwyn Taylor</b>, New Zealand Commerce Commission</p> <p>                      <b>Andrew North</b>, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>    <b>Jennifer Fish</b>, Charles River Associates</p>
4:45pm - 5:00pm (15mins)	<b>Close of Day 1 Sessions</b>
5:45pm	<i>Delegates depart. Dinner venue is approximate 15min walk from the Ritz-Carlton</i>
Drinks from 6:00pm Dinner from 7:00pm	<p><b>Drinks &amp; Dinner</b></p> <p><i>The Trust</i> 405 Flinders Ln, Melbourne VIC 3000</p>

<b>WORKSHOP DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 5 September 2025</b>	
9:00am – 9:30am	<i>Tea &amp; Coffee</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	<p><b>An overview of the Australian Competition Tribunal’s practice directions post-merger reform</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>    <b>The Honourable Justice Michael O’Byran</b>, President of the Australian Competition Tribunal</p>
10:00am – 11:15am (1 hour, 15mins)	<p><b>Session 4: Merger reforms in practice – A discussion with practitioners on initial experiences navigating the new regime</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>    <b>Caroline Coops</b>, King &amp; Wood Mallesons</p> <p>                      <b>Tom Leuner</b>, ACCC</p> <p>                      <b>Richard Westmoreland</b>, HWL Ebsworth</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>    <b>Simon Muys</b>, Gilbert + Tobin</p>
11:15am – 11:30am (15 mins)	<i>Morning tea break</i>

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11:30am – 12:45pm (1 hour, 15mins)	<p><b>Session 5: Misuse of Market Power - The Resurgence of Unilateral Conduct and the Role of Private Enforcement</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>    <b>Ruth Higgins</b>, Banco Chambers</p> <p>                      <b>Rhonda Smith</b>, University of Melbourne</p> <p>                      <b>Bruce Lloyd</b>, Clayton Utz</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>    <b>Kathryn Finlayson</b>, MinterEllison</p>
12:45pm – 1:30pm (45 mins)	Lunch
1:30pm – 2:45pm (1 hour, 15mins)	<p><b>Session 6: Reforms on every corner - Unfair trading practices - what are the gaps and what will fill them?</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>    <b>Catriona Lowe</b>, ACCC</p> <p>                      <b>Rosannah Healy</b>, Allens</p> <p>                      <b>Luisa Alampi</b>, Barrister</p> <p>                      <b>Kai Fu</b>, Coles</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>    <b>Gary Smith</b>, Wesfarmers</p>
2:45pm – 3:00pm (15 mins)	<p><b>Close and Thanks</b></p> <p><b>Peta Stevenson</b>, King &amp; Wood Mallesons</p>