New Release of Edited Collection: Current Issues in Competition Law

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“The 11 essays cover a large amount of ground, are works of scholarship, and repay careful reading. Mr Gvozdenovic and Mr Puttick are to be commended for conceiving of the need for this important work and for the assiduity with which it has been edited." Volume II, Foreword) by the Honourable Justice Nye Perram.

Sydney Law School alumnus Michael Gvozdenovic and current PhD candidate Stephen Puttick have recently had published their two-volume edited collection, Current Issues in Competition Law. The books were supported by the Ross Parsons Centre on Commercial, Corporate and Taxation Law. The books are now available for purchase on The Federation Press website.

About the Books
Over the past 30 years, Australia’s statutory regime regulating competition and restrictive trade practices has been the subject of much significant reform. The evolution has been driven by the legislature, executive, and judicial branches of government. In this respect, debates continue. These debates are occurring in the profession, the academy, and even in the media and the broader community. After all, the harms which Australian competition law seeks to prevent, and redress, directly and significantly impact society. Both volumes of this edited collection are essential reading for those called upon to determine competition matters, lawyers practising in competition and commercial law, and those teaching and researching the subject. Both include perspectives from the judiciary, the regulator, the practising profession, and the academy.

Volume I – Context and Interpretation – covers various topics of considerable importance and concern. The focus is on the Australian statutory topography and is avowedly concerned with debates and issues of contemporary importance. The volume is divided into three parts. The first part considers the historical and theoretical background underpinning Australia’s competition law; the second addresses questions of statutory interpretation common throughout, and specific to, this jurisprudence; and, the third examines the application of this law to new and emerging markets. The volume includes a foreword by the Honourable Chief Justice Allsop AO.

Volume II – Practice and Perspectives – is concerned with Part IV of the statutory regime, which regulates, amongst other things, cartel conduct, anti-competitive contracts and collusive conduct, misuse of market power, and mergers. The volume comprises essays that examine many of the key questions and debates in respect of each of the prohibitions. The chapters traverse a range of topics of significance today, and which are likely to continue to be of special relevance into the future. It includes a foreword by the Honourable Justice Nye Perram.

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