



Engagement, gifts & hospitality register

ACCC Commissioners have accepted the following gifts, hospitality and benefits from 1 May 2019 to 31 July 2019.

Date	Commissioner	Organisation	Description	Value
6 May 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	Australian Energy Market Commission	At the invitation of the Australian Energy Market Commission, the Chair attended an evening farewell reception for AEMC Commissioner Brian Spalding at The Tea Room at the Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, from 5pm – 7.30pm.	n/a
6 May 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Cristina Cifuentes	Australian Energy Market Commission	At the invitation of the Australian Energy Market Commission, which Commissioner Cifuentes works closely with in relation to AER matters, Commissioner Cifuentes attended an evening farewell reception for AEMC Commissioner Brian Spalding at The Tea Room at the Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, from 5pm – 7.30pm.	n/a
6 May 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh	Dairy Australia	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of Dairy Australia, presented at the Trans-Tasman Dairy Leaders' Forum on the ACCC's view about how the dairy industry is placed from a competition perspective. Lunch was provided at the venue, Quay West.	n/a

9 May 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Cristina Cifuentes	Essential Services Commission	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of the Essential Services Commission, attended the dinner at Ayers House following the Utility Regulatory Forum.	n/a
14 May 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	Competition Policy International (CPI)	At the invitation of Competition Policy International, the Chair spoke during the Competition Policy International Roundtable on Economy, Innovation and Competition Law in Cartagena, Columbia. Discussion topics included data, digital platforms, and competition assessment in the digital age. Lunch was provided as part of the Roundtable at the venue Casa 1537.	n/a
14-17 May 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	International Competition Network (ICN)	At the invitation of the International Competition Network, of which the ACCC is a member, the Chair presented at the 2019 ICN Annual Conference in Cartagena, Columbia, hosted by the Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce in 2019 (the conference is hosted by a different member agency each year). The Chair spoke at the Unilateral Conduct Working Group Plenary on New Challenges to the Assessment of Market Power at the conference, about insights from the Digital Platforms Inquiry. Catering was provided as part of the conference. The Chair attended the conference delegates welcome cocktail reception on 14 May 2019, dinner on 15 May 2019 (both at the Hotel Las Americas), and the agency heads dinner held at Club de Pesca on 16 May 2019. All of these events were hosted by the Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce.	n/a
16 May 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)	At the invitation of ASIC, which Commissioner Rickard works closely with on consumer protection issues, Commissioner Rickard attended the ASIC annual dinner at Doltone House, Sydney, as a guest.	n/a

16 May 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Cristina Cifuentes	Australian Securities and Investments Commission	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of ASIC, attended the ASIC Alumni Network Breakfast at the Hilton Sydney. This was part of ASIC's annual conference. Commissioner Cifuentes attended as a networking opportunity.	n/a
22 May 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	Financial Counselling Australia	Commissioner Rickard, at the invitation of Financial Counselling Australia, provided an update on the ACCC's activities and priorities to the Financial Counselling Conference, at the Pullman Hotel, Melbourne. She received a bottle of wine as a thank you for speaking at the conference. The gift was donated to the ACCC social club.	< \$50
23 May 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	Financial Counselling Australia	Commissioner Rickard, at the invitation of Financial Counselling Australia, participated in a breakfast briefing with External Dispute Resolution Chairs and Ombudsmen on the implications of open data and the consumer data right for financial counsellors as part of the Financial Counselling Conference, Pullman Hotel, Melbourne.	n/a
23 May 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Financial Counselling Australia	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of Financial Counselling Australia, participated in a breakfast briefing with External Dispute Resolution Chairs and Ombudsmen on the implications of open data and the consumer data right for financial counsellors as part of the Financial Counselling Conference, Pullman Hotel, Melbourne.	n/a

25 May 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	Competition Law Conference	At the invitation of the Competition Law conference, the Chair provided a presentation on issues the ACCC encounters in assessing the competitive effects of conduct in multi-sided platforms. As an invited speaker, the Chair's registration for attending the conference at the Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park was waived. Catering was provided as part of the conference. The Chair attended the conference lunch at Feast Restaurant. As an invited speaker, the Chair also attended the speakers dinner held at Bistro Guillaume.	\$960 registration fee
5 June 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Business at OECD (BIAC)	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of Business at OECD (formerly BIAC), attended the OECD Competition Committee meetings in Paris, at which the ACCC is a regular attendee as part of its cooperative work with international partners, and attended the dinner held at the Raphael Hotel, Paris.	n/a
5 June 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh	Franchise Advisory Centre	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of the Franchise Advisory Centre, participated in a panel session as part of the Franchise Management Forum on 'What next for franchisors after the Franchise Inquiry?' Lunch was provided at the venue, Royal on the Park Hotel.	n/a
7 June 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Centre for Competition Policy and Norwich Business School, made a presentation on the ACCC's Digital Platforms Inquiry to the University of East Anglia London conference on algorithms, Artificial Intelligence and competition and attended a speaker dinner at the City Flogger restaurant, London.	n/a

25 June 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Cristina Cifuentes	MinterEllison	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of MinterEllison, attended the Women in Government Dinner at the MinterEllison offices in Macquarie Tower. This event was attended by women at all levels of government and included attendees from Fair Trading NSW, IPART, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury, Attorney-General's Department and the Auditor-General's Office.	n/a
2 July 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Philippine Competition Commission	In appreciation of Commissioner Court's assistance in the development of the Philippine Competition Commission's cartel laws, Commissioner Court was gifted a candle holder and a small food item by the Philippine Competition Commission.	< \$50
3 July 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Allens	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of Allens, participated in a panel on ACCC enforcement priorities and recent ACCC enforcement action at the Allens Competition Law Festival in Brisbane and was gifted a bottle of wine in appreciation. The gift was donated to the ACCC social club.	< \$50
8 July 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	King & Wood Mallesons	At the invitation of King & Wood Mallesons, the Chair provided a presentation at their boardroom lunch on the ACCC's current priorities and focus areas, the adequacy of Australia's merger laws and the ACCC's interaction with other governmental. Catering was provided as part of the boardroom lunch.	n/a
9-10 July 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Sarah Court	Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Japan Fair Trade Commission, attended the East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy and the 12th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy in Mongolia and participated in three panels: (1) on the recent development and trends in national competition law and policy; (2) the experience,	n/a

			evaluation and coordination of technical assistance and related international activities and (3) the experience of protecting small-medium entities from unfair business practices through Competition Policy. Two working lunches were provided.	
12 July 2019	ACCC Chair, Rod Sims	King & Wood Mallesons	At the invitation of King & Wood Mallesons, the Chair spoke at their boardroom lunch, providing his views on privatisations and proposals to change Australia's merger rules as well as the ACCC's interactions with the Foreign Investments Review Board and how the ACCC makes decisions. Catering was provided as part of the boardroom lunch.	n/a
15 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh	Associations Forum	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of the Associations Forum, participated in a panel discussion on 'Working with Bureaucracy & Regulators'. Lunch was provided at the venue, National Convention Centre Canberra.	n/a
22 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh	Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of the AWITC, presented at the 17th AWITC on the topic 'Lessons from the ACCC market study into the wine sector'. Lunch was provided at the venue, the Adelaide Convention Centre. Two further tickets were made available to ACCC staff to attend.	\$2190 registration fee
24 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of the Melbourne Law School, participated as part of a panel commenting on the presentation of the keynote speaker on the theme of Consumers and Markets. The session was part of the Digital Citizens Conference, Melbourne Law School. Catering was provided as part of the conference.	n/a

24 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	Good Shepherd Microfinance	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of Good Shepherd Microfinance, launched the Financial Inclusions Action Plan Transition Report, at the Ashurst Lawyers office in Melbourne. Catering was provided.	n/a
24 -26 July 2019	ACCC Commissioners, Cristina Cifuentes and Sarah Court	New Zealand Commerce Commission (NZCC)	Commissioners Cifuentes and Court, at the invitation of the NZCC, attended the Commerce Commission Competition Matters Conference and participated in panel sessions. As invited speakers, the Commissioners' registration for attending the conference at the Pullman Hotel, Auckland, was waived. Catering was provided as part of the conference. Both Commissioners attended the conference dinner at the Pullman Hotel, hosted by the NZCC. Commissioner Court attended a pre-conference dinner at the Amano	NZ\$2580 registration fees
25 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	New Zealand Commerce Commission (NZCC)	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of the New Zealand Commerce Commission, participated as part of several panels as part of the New Zealand Commerce Commission Competition Matters Conference. As an invited speaker, Deputy Chair Rickard's registration for attending the conference at the Pullman Hotel, Auckland, was waived. Catering was provided as part of the Conference. Deputy Chair Rickard attended the conference dinner at the Pullman Hotel, hosted by the NZCC.	NZ\$1295 registration fee
26 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard, and ACCC Commissioners Cristina Cifuentes and Sarah Court	New Zealand Commerce Commission (NZCC)	Deputy Chair Rickard, Commissioner Cifuentes and Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the NZCC, attended a NZCC and ACCC Commissioner meeting at the NZCC Offices. Topics discussed included cross appointments and Trans-Tasman matters. Catering was provided at the meeting.	n/a

26 July 2019	ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard	NZ On Air	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of NZ On Air participated in a journalism round table with the Minister for Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media to discuss ways to support and sustain the production and distribution of high quality, diverse public interest news and journalism in New Zealand at the Heritage Hotel, Auckland. Catering was provided.	n/a
30 July 2019	ACCC Commissioner, Cristina Cifuentes	Pottinger	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of Pottinger, was a panellist on the Global Innovation panel at the Private Infrastructure Forum in Sydney. Catering was provided at the event which was held at Herbert Smith.	n/a
