

IPBA

Australian-New Zealand Regional Forum

The World at Your Doorstep

Date: 19 July 2018

Venue: College of Law, Sydney
Level 16, St James Centre,
111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Co- Chairs:

Michael Butler (Finlaysons)

Roger Saxton (Connor & Co)

This Regional Event will continue the IPBA's tradition of providing stimulating debate and exploration of topical issues and developments relevant to those with a legal practice or interest in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The central focus of this Event will be on some of the Australian legal and tax issues facing foreign investors from the Asia-Pacific Region who wish to invest and operate in Australasia.

We are fortunate to have a fantastic line-up of speakers and look forward to seeing you at this Complimentary Event (for which CLE points will be available).

Host Committee:

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3.00pm Registration / Coffee

3.30pm Introduction from Co-Chairs

3.40pm Session 1

FIRB & Regulatory Issues for North Asia Investors in Australia

Ben Smith (Minter Ellison)

- Current approach FIRB has to bidders from North Asia
- Interaction between Australian and offshore regulatory/foreign investment approvals
- How buy- and sell-side advisers should run sale processes when bidders require FIRB and/or offshore regulatory approvals

4.30pm Session 2

Cryptocurrencies & ICOs

Jim FitzSimons (Bird & Bird)

- Blockchain fundamentals
- Understanding cryptocurrencies and cryptotokens
- Smart contracts: threat or opportunity?
- ICOs and prospectuses
- Practical understanding of transactions—how do things actually work in this space?

5.20pm Session 3

Tax Issues for Foreign Property Investors in Australia—Recent Developments

Jessica Pengelly (Finlaysons)

Overview of new Federal, State & Territory taxes and charges on purchases and ownership of Australian real property by foreign persons, including:

- Transfer duty and land tax surcharges
- Vacant residential property fees and taxes
- Foreign resident capital gains tax withholding tax (FRCGTWHT)
- Removal of CGT “*main residence*” exemption for non-residents
- ATO record-matching to identify tax non-compliance

6.00pm Session 4

Investing Across the Ditch – Issues Facing Australian Investors

Jai Nario (Chapman Tripp)

- Effective structuring of NZ investments – commercial and tax considerations
- Trends & insights into NZ's investment scene
- Common regulatory issues

6.40pm Close & Refreshments