

# ANTI-CARTEL LEGISLATION

## Do your key employees understand the new ACCC anti-cartel legislation?

Last year the federal government introduced new legislation incorporating severe penalties for companies that engaged in cartel behaviour.

For the first time cartel conduct will result in criminal convictions and / or imprisonment.

In recent times the Press has reported two prominent prosecutions for cartel behaviour. The first relates to a company which was ordered to pay \$1million for engaging in cartel behaviour where the company agreed with another organisation that it would withdraw from a federal government contract tender.

Additionally a second company was fined \$3.25million for engaging in meetings with competitors and agreeing to fix prices.

It is very important that your senior company executives and purchasing officers understand what is and isn't reasonable behaviour under the new federal government anti-cartel legislation.

Ai Group South Australia branch has organised an educational seminar to explain the new legislation and provide advice to companies as to what they need to implement and how to instruct employees to ensure they do not fall foul of the new legislation.

The seminar will be focused on –

1. Explaining what cartel behaviour is.
2. Understanding the penalties under the new legislation.
3. The sort of behaviours that companies need to avoid under the new legislation
4. What actions companies should take to protect their organisation.

The seminar will incorporate two presentations. The **ACCC's Regional Outreach Manager Angus McAulay** will provide members with a briefing on the new legislation from the regulators perspective. Secondly **Josh Simons, Partner, Minter Ellison**, will outline practical advice for companies to take onboard.

Details			
<b>Duration</b>	2 hours	<b>Cost</b>	\$50.00 per person Prices are GST inclusive. All course payments are to be made prior to attending training
<b>Dates</b>	30 March 2010	<b>Venue</b>	Enterprise House, Room 1B 136 Greenhill Road, Unley
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