

Sharon Henrick

BA, Graduate Diploma in Applied Economics, LLB (Hons), Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, GAICD

Sharon is as an expert on competition and regulatory law and policy, with 28 years of experience in the corporate sector, working across a range of industries. Sharon's reputation is for exceptional strategic counsel on high profile work; building consensus based decisions using integrity, strong communications skills, vision, and resolve, and for staying calm and focussed under pressure.

Sharon's core skills include:

- Leading complex, high profile investigations in Australia and across the Asia Pacific. For example, Sharon was British Airways' lead Asia Pacific Counsel on investigations by competition authorities into cartel conduct in the air cargo industry, was Glencore's lead advisor across the Asia Pacific on mergers in the coal industry, and was the lead advisor for an industry committee of 18 financial institutions on the successful application to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for authorisation of the merger of Australian owned payments platforms
- Giving strategic advice on proposed privatisations. For example, Sharon acted for Snowy Hydro on a proposal to privatise it, for governments and bidders on privatisations of electricity assets and ports, as well as for the Board of Queensland Rail on its privatisation
- Acting for companies involved in third party access matters under both State and Commonwealth legislation. For example, Sharon acted for the administrators and then receivers of Epic Energy on its appeal to the West Australian Gas Review Board about the access arrangements for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline, for Snowy Hydro on an application by Lakes R Us for third party access to its dams and spillways and for BHP Petroleum and West Coast Energy on gas access matters.

Before joining IPART on 1 July 2024, Sharon was a senior equity partner at King & Wood Mallesons where she led the firm's Competition Law and Regulatory Group for 10 years while the Group transformed itself from tier 3 to tier 1 in the directories. Sharon was also twice head of the firm's Media Group, a member of the firm's Learning and Development Committee and a member of the firm's Recruitment Committee.

Sharon is a member of an Expert Panel providing advice to the Federal Government on Competition Policy Reform. Dr Kerry Schott AO chairs the Panel. Its other Members are Rod Sims AO, David Gonski AC, Dr John Fingleton CBA, Professor John Asker and Danielle Wood.