



2022 Ruby Hutchison Memorial Lecture

Presented by Rod Sims

Program

Tuesday 15 March 2022 - World Consumer Rights Day

4:30-4:31pm (1 min)	Welcome Delia Rickard, Deputy Chair, ACCC
4:31-4:36pm (5 mins)	Welcome to Country Uncle Allan Murray, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
4:36-4:40pm (4 mins)	Introduction Delia Rickard, Deputy Chair, ACCC
4:40-4:50pm (10 mins)	Introduction to Ruby Hutchison and Ruby Hutchison Biography Video Alan Kirkland, CEO, CHOICE
4:50-5:20pm (30 mins)	Ruby Hutchison Memorial Lecture Rod Sims, Chair, ACCC
5:20-5:50pm (30 mins)	Q&A session with Rod Sims Facilitated by Delia Rickard and Alan Kirkland
5:50-6:00pm (10 mins)	Closing comments and farewell to Rod Sims Alan Kirkland, CEO, CHOICE

Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

Speaker Biographies (in order of appearance)



Delia Rickard

Deputy Chair, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Delia Rickard was appointed Deputy Chair of the ACCC in June 2012 and reappointed for a further 5 years in 2017. She is also an Associate Member of the ACMA. Delia takes a particular interest in the ACCC's consumer protection work including compliance and enforcement, product safety and scams disruption. Prior to her appointment to the ACCC, Delia held a range of senior positions at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. She has also been involved in various capacities with a range of not-for-profit organisations. Delia was awarded the Public Service medal for her contribution to Consumer Protection and Financial Services. She has also received the SOCAP lifetime achievement award.



Alan Kirkland

Chief Executive Officer, CHOICE

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Alan Kirkland has been CEO of CHOICE, Australia's largest consumer organisation, since 2012. Alan has a strong background in access to justice, having worked as CEO of Legal Aid New South Wales, Executive Director of the Australian Law Reform Commission and Chair of the National Legal Assistance Advisory Body. He has also been a part-time member of a number of state and federal tribunals. Alan has also served on the boards of a number of social justice organisations, including the Australian Council of Social Service, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and the Welfare Rights Centre. In 2016-17, Alan was a member of the panel for the Review of the Financial System External Dispute Resolution and Complaints Framework (the Ramsay Review). Alan is currently a member of the expert panel for the review of cosmetic surgery regulation.



Rod Sims

Chair, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Rod Sims was appointed Chair of the ACCC in August 2011. Rod's appointment as ACCC Chair finishes on 20 March 2022, making him the longest serving Chair of the ACCC.

Prior to his appointment to the ACCC, he was the Chairman of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales, Commissioner on the National Competition Council, Chairman of InfraCo Asia based in Singapore, Director of Ingeus Limited based in London and a member of the Research and Policy Council of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia. Rod was also a Director of Port Jackson Partners, and between 1988 and 1990 Rod was the Principal Economic Advisor to Australia's Prime Minister.

Rod was awarded the Officer (AO) of the Order of Australia in 2022 for his service to public administration in economic policy and regulatory roles. Rod holds a first-class honours degree in commerce from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Economics from the Australian National University.
