

Competition Policy Review International Conference

QT Hotel, Canberra
23-24 October 2014



The Panel & process

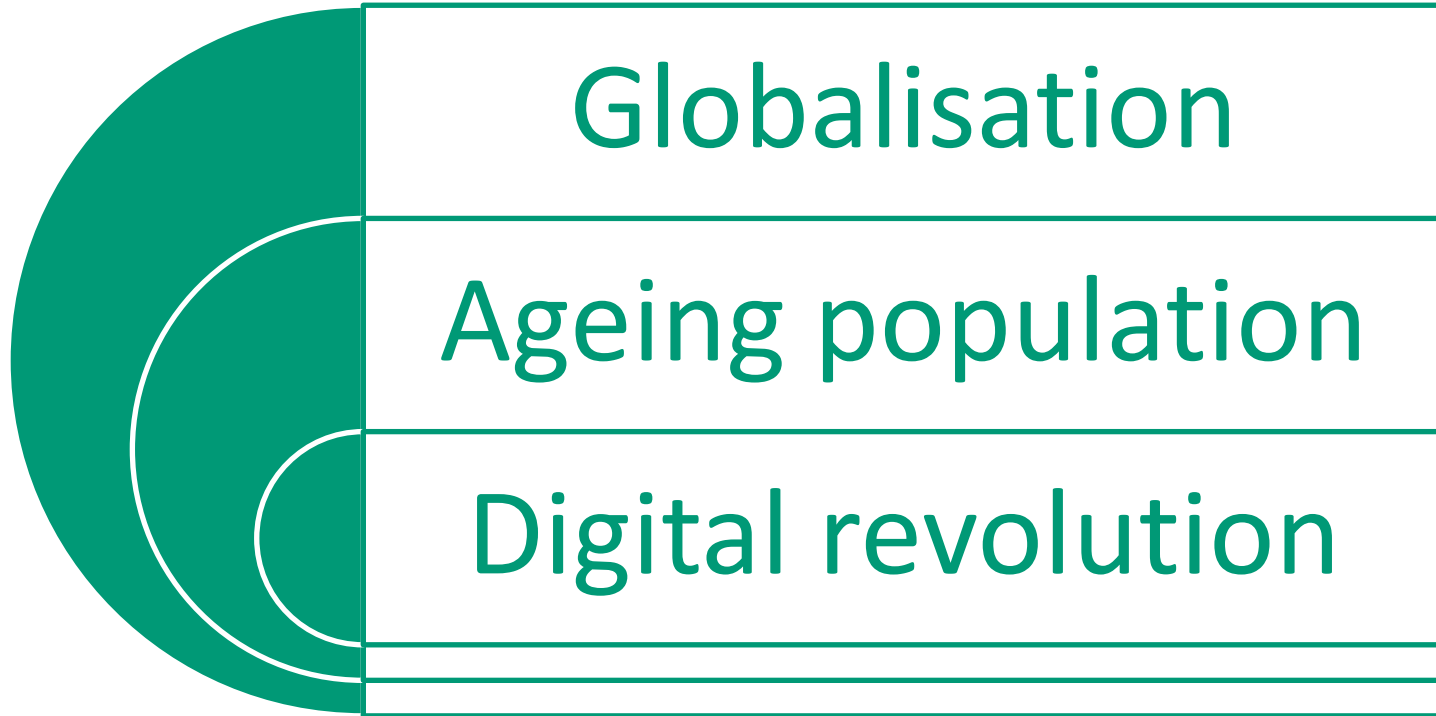


- Broad Terms of Reference announced on 27 March
- Issues Paper released and first consultation process began on 14 April
- Draft report released on 22 September
- Second consultation process runs until 17 November

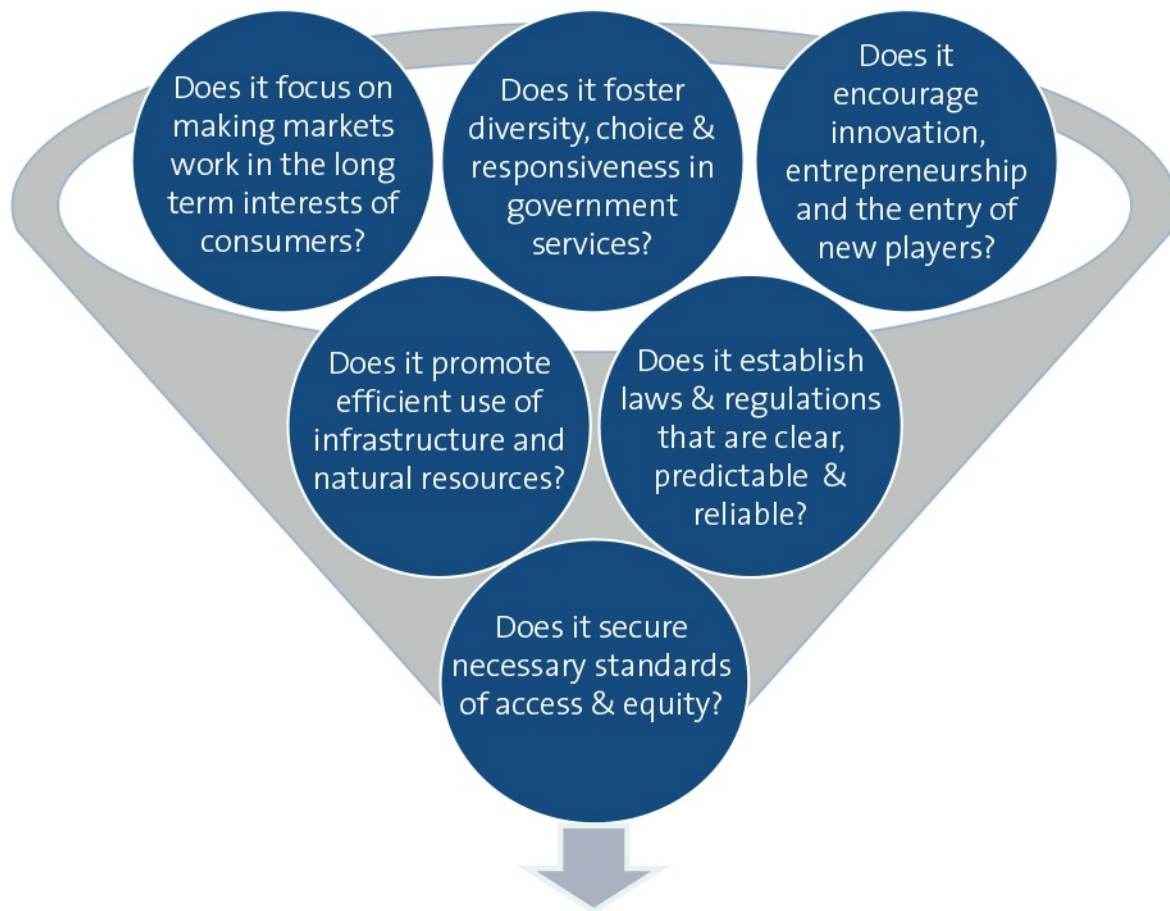
Context for this Review



Major forces for change



We have assessed Australia's competition policy to see if it is still 'fit for purpose'



We have recommended changes in three main areas

COMPETITION
POLICY

COMPETITION
LAWS

COMPETITION
INSTITUTIONS

Objectives of the Conference

Testing recommendations with experts

Are the priorities right?

Do the reforms work as a package?

Is the case compelling?

How to sustain reform/
what are the impediments?

Competition policy recommendations

Revised set of competition principles

Priority reform areas:

 Human Services

 Transport

 Intellectual Property

 Parallel imports

 Competitive neutrality

 Electricity, Gas and Water

 Planning and Zoning

Review of regulatory restrictions on competition

Competition law recommendations



Simplify the law



Mergers



Misuse of
market power



Exemption
processes



Price signalling



National Access
Regime

Competition institution recommendations

New national competition body

Separate access and pricing
regulator

Competition and consumer
regulator with new governance
structure

Conference Outline

Day 1

Session 1. New Reform Sectors

Session 2. Competition Laws

Session 3. Competition Institutions and Governance

Conference Dinner 7pm National Gallery of Australia

Day 2

Concurrent Workshops

Next steps

Draft report
released 22
September

Consultation
until 17
November

Final report
March 2015

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