
FOREWORD

The sixth Industry Economics Conference was hosted by the Melbourne Business School at the University of Melbourne and was held from 10–11 July, 1997. The theme of the conference was *Making Competitive Markets*. The invited papers presented at the conference and the accompanying discussion are presented in the report of the conference proceedings.

The aim of these conferences is to bring together leading researchers and policy makers in the field of industry economics to discuss their current work, to examine emerging ideas and methodologies, to establish and extend communication channels and to encourage further research. To this end, the 1997 conference features papers from 13 invited speakers and 27 papers contributed by other speakers. The conference organisers were particularly pleased that Professor Paul Milgrom and Professor Frank Wolak of Stanford University and Professor Graciela Chichilnisky of Columbia University were able to present papers at the conference.

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