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## IPRIA PUBLIC SEMINAR

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# PATENT INFRINGEMENT IN AUSTRALIA: RESULTS FROM A SURVEY

### **SPEAKERS:**

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### **DATE AND TIME**

Tuesday 9 June 2009  
1.00pm-2.00pm  
(Refreshments from 12:30pm)

### **VENUE:**

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Free of charge

### **CLOSING DATE:**

Friday 5 June 2009

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*One of the great unknowns of patent policy is how much infringement actually goes on, and how much of that infringement leads to enforcement of an informal or formal kind. IPRIA recently conducted a representative survey of over 3700 Australian inventors in order to estimate the prevalence of (alleged) infringement and what formal and informal steps were taken to stop the copying activities. We present these findings along with a discussion of what can be done to improve the efficacy of patent enforcement in Australia.*

Associate Professor Beth Webster is an economist and Director of the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia (IPRIA) at the University of Melbourne. IPRIA is based at the University of Melbourne, and is a joint enterprise of the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, and the Melbourne Business School. She has a Bachelor and Master of Economics from Monash University and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Beth has undertaken wide-ranging research on the economics of innovation, intellectual property, as well as more general research on the performance of Australian enterprises. She has published widely including over 100 articles, books and reports.



Kimberlee Weatherall is a Senior Lecturer at the TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland and an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture. She holds degrees in law from the University of Sydney, Oxford University and the Yale Law School. Her research focuses on intellectual property law, with a particular interest in digital copyright, the relationship between international trade and intellectual property, and systems for administration and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

