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## PATENT INFRINGEMENT IN AUSTRALIA: RESULTS FROM A SURVEY

**SPEAKER:**

Associate Professor Beth Webster  
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The University of Melbourne

**DATE AND TIME**

Tuesday 25 August 2009  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
(Refreshments from 12:30pm)

**VENUE:**

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Free of charge

**CLOSING DATE:**

Thursday 20 August 2009

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**Professional Standards Board**

The Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys has advised that attendance at this seminar will enable Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys to claim 1 CPE point.

*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.*

Beth Webster is an economist and Director of the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia (IPRIA) and Principal Research Fellow at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research (University of Melbourne). 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. She is currently a member of the Advisory Council for Intellectual Property and is a Commissioner for the Victorian State Services Authority. In 2008, she was a member of the Brack's Review into the Automotive Industry.



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**"Do Australian companies value trade marks and designs? A look at the evidence"**

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