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Chris Whelan is a Principal at RBB Economics based in Melbourne, and joined the firm in April 2011. He has over ten years of economic consulting experience based in Melbourne and London. Chris gained a First Class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University and holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.

Chris is featured in 'Who's Who Legal Competition – Future Leaders (2019)'.

Chris has advised on nearly all aspects of competition law, including horizontal and vertical mergers, information exchanges, vertical agreements and misuse of market power.

Chris advised AP Eagers' on its acquisition of Automotive Group Holdings, the first merger authorisation application to be considered by the ACCC. He worked on two successful authorisations before the Australian Competition Tribunal, namely Tabcorp's acquisition of Tatts, and Sea Swift's acquisition of the Northern Territory and far north Queensland marine freight business of Toll Marine Logistics Australia.

Chris has also advised on some of the leading European Commission Article 101 investigations, including in the trucks and financial derivatives (Euribor, FX and precious metals) sectors, and advised Westpac on the bank bill swap rate (BBSW) litigation in Australia.

Chris contributed to the research report "Cost Pass-Through: Theory, Measurement & Potential Policy Implications", published by the UK Competition and Markets Authority in 2014.

Chris has worked on cases in a range of sectors including finance, telecoms, grocery retailing, fast moving consumer goods, hard disk drives, public and private healthcare, ports, bus transport, rail, post, gas and electricity.

Recent case experience

- **Westpac**
Bank bill swap rate (BBSW) litigation, Australia
- **AP Eagers / Automotive Holdings Group**
Merger authorisation, Austral
- **Siemens / Alstom merger**
EU and multi-jurisdictional
- **Tabcorp / Tatts**
Merger authorisation, Australia
- **Scania**
Trucks Article 101 investigation, EU
- **New Zealand Commerce Commission**
Real estate cartel litigation, New Zealand

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