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*Jerome Fahrer was educated at University of New South Wales and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. B.Comm. (Hons.) (UNSW); MPA; M.A.; Ph.D (Princeton)*

Jerome joined the Allen Consulting Group in 1995 and heads ACG's competition and telecommunications practices. He also advises corporate and government clients on economic evaluation of major projects and on sectoral economic impacts. Jerome's competition and regulation projects include advising:

- Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group on competition at Port Waratah (2007)
- The Victorian Department of Justice on competition in wagering (2007)
- Consumer Affairs Victoria on competition in real estate services (2007)
- NRMA on competition in the petrol industry (2007)
- The Competitive Carriers Coalition on competition in broadband (2007) and structural separation of Telstra (2006)
- VERNet on access pricing of its telecommunications network (2006) and competitive benchmarks for that network (2007)
- The G9 group of telecommunications companies on competition in fibre-to-the-node telecommunications networks (2006)
- New Zealand Commerce Commission on calculating the cost of the Telecommunications Service Obligations (2006)
- Wilson Transformer Company on the calculation of damages in an alleged price fixing arrangement (2006)
- BHP Billiton on proposals by the WA Government to create reservations of natural gas for domestic use (2006)
- The Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance on competition in wagering and gaming (2006)
- Optus on competition in local call resale and broadband markets (2005, 2006)
- NEMMCO on the structure of Participant Fees (2002, 2005, 2006)
- Reserve Bank of Australia on competition in EFTPOS systems (2005)
- Tote Tasmania on competition in wagering markets (2005)
- Macquarie Bank on telecommunications competition and regulation (2004, 2005)
- Fosters Group on its acquisition of Southcorp (2005)
- Betfair on competition in wagering (2004, 2005)
- Victorian Department of Infrastructure on possible re-aggregation in the energy sector, including vertical mergers (2005)

- ANZ Bank and the Australian Bankers Association on competition in and regulation of payments systems (2000-05)
- NEMMCO on changes to the Competition Test for system restart ancillary services in the National Electricity Code (2004)
- DCA Group on its acquisition of MIA (2004)

Jerome has been retained as an independent expert in a number of matters including:

- NEMMCO on compensation for Directed Parties under the National Electricity Rules (2005 – ongoing)
- NEMMCO on competition in system restart ancillary services (2005)
- A major energy utility on the trade practices implications of the sale of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (2004)
- AMP Henderson, for whom he wrote a regulatory consultant's report for their Airports Funds Prospectus (2001)

Jerome's recent major project evaluations and sectoral studies include:

- The Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix for the Victorian Auditor General (2007)
- The Australian construction industry for the Australian Constructors Association (2007)
- The proposed Australia Chile Free Trade Agreement for BHP Billiton (2007)
- The not-for-profit sector for the Department of Victorian Communities (2007)
- The Australian supermarket industry for ALDI (2007)
- A third coal loader at Port Waratah, for the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (2006)
- The EastLink tollway, for the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority (2006)

Jerome is a member of the Appeal Panel Pool of the Essential Services Commission in Victoria, and a Principal Fellow (Associate Professor) at the Melbourne Business School.

Following graduate studies in the United States (1985-89), Jerome headed the Reserve Bank of Australia's macro-economic research.