



**Communications and Media Law
Association Incorporated
2009 Essay Competition – \$2000 prize
and CAMLA membership**

The Communications and Media Law Association is holding an essay competition in 2009. CAMLA is one of the leading organisations in Australia bringing together people with an interest in media and communications law. Our membership includes all major Australian media and communications companies, relevant government bodies and leading law firms. See camla.org.au.

The purpose of this essay competition is:

- To reward original thought regarding the analysis of policy development in the areas of communications and media law.
- To encourage high quality work in communications and media law courses.
- To improve links between those studying and practising in the area.

The prize will be given for:

- A previously unpublished essay relating to communications or media law which is the original work of the author.
- An essay completed by a student enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course, possibly as part of that course.
- An essay of 1,000 – 3,000 words. The 3,000-word limit (inclusive of all footnotes, annexures, attachments and bibliographies, etc) must not be exceeded.

The theme for the 2009 essay competition is Next Generation Networks

Essays are required to address the topical issue of **Next Generation Networks** in a policy, regulatory, commercial and/or legal context. The theme is not confined to the Australian NBN initiative and can include international examples of the evolution and impact of IP-based infrastructure and services. Entrants should feel free to explore the topic from any angle. For example, entrants may write about:

- how regulation needs to change in order to facilitate the NBN and an open wholesale-only network;
- land access regimes for the deployment of broadband networks;
- governance of NBN Co in Australia or overseas;
- IPTV and impact of broadband on media regulation; or
- eHealth, eGovernment and online education.

The above are examples only and not exhaustive. Essays will be evaluated on criteria including original thought and analysis, and the contribution of the author to the development of interesting and dynamic views on this topic.

A \$2,000 prize and a 1 year membership of CAMLA will be awarded to the winner

The winning essay, edited in consultation with the author, may be published in the *Communications Law Bulletin*. The winning entry, to be selected by a panel of experienced communications and media law practitioners, must demonstrate original research, analysis and ideas. The panel will not necessarily be seeking detailed works of scholarship nor is it seeking a restatement of the law. The panel will regard highly the original consideration of the theme in legal and policy development and its broader implications.

The award will be made at a CAMLA function in September, where the winner can meet with CAMLA members

Only 1 essay per student may be submitted. Entries will be accepted by email or post only. Entries WILL NOT be accepted by fax. Entries submitted by post should include three (3) copies of the entry, typed well spaced on A4 paper. The name, address, email, telephone and fax contacts and the tertiary institution and course in which the author is enrolled should be included on a separate, detachable sheet. Entries submitted by email should include the same details in the covering email and attach the essay in a Word document. The author's name should not appear on the pages of the essay.

Entries are to be submitted by Friday 28 August 2009 to:

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