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## **Collateral Benefits - Panel Publishes Final Guidance Note**

The Takeovers Panel today released Guidance Note 21 in relation to when collateral benefits may constitute unacceptable circumstances. Guidance Note 21 follows an <u>issues paper</u> published on 9 November 2005. The Panel received 5 submissions.

The Director of the Panel, Mr Allan Bulman, said that the Panel appreciated the time and effort put in by respondents. Mr Bulman also said:

"I want to thank in particular the members of the sub-committee (identified in the table below) who contributed a lot of time to the development of the Guidance Note. Their assistance in shaping the final Guidance Note has been very valuable."<sup>1</sup>

The Guidance Note is available under <u>Guidance</u> on the Panel website (<u>www.takeovers.gov.au</u>).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sub-committee members contribute in their personal capacities and their views are not necessarily shared by their firms. Moreover, the final document is the Panel's and individual sub-committee members may not share the same view.

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