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Legal Briefings - By **Tony Damian, Malika Chandrasegaran, Simon Haddy, Damien Hazard, Jenny Altherr, Robert Nicholson, Paul Branston, Nick Harding, Matthew FitzGerald and Ben Sheehan**

We are delighted to welcome you to the June 2017 edition of Herbert Smith Freehills Australian Foreign Investment Review.

In this edition of the Australian [Foreign Investment](#) Review, we focus on the key takeaways from FIRB's 2015-16 Annual Report, the upcoming changes to Australia's foreign investment laws and some of the key recent developments in foreign investment in Australia.

Firstly, [Tony Damian](#) and Malika Chandrasegaran provide a summary of the recent FIRB 2015-16 Annual Report, highlighting the key messages and themes.

[Simon Haddy](#) takes a look at the upcoming changes to Australia's foreign investment laws announced in the recent Federal Budget and flags the proposed key changes you need to be aware of. [Damien Hazard](#) and Jenny Altherr also consider the proposed changes in the context of financial sponsors and discuss some issues with the legislation that still require further clarification.

[Robert Nicholson](#) recaps the six months since the introduction of the Critical Infrastructure Centre. [Paul Branston](#) and Nick Harding review the Kidman saga, one of the most high profile FIRB decisions in recent years, and extract the lessons learned for those considering Australian agribusiness investments.

Finally, [Matthew FitzGerald](#) and Ben Sheehan look back at the 18 months since the introduction of FIRB application fees and consider any impact this may have had on Australian [M&A](#) and inbound foreign direct investment.

We trust you will enjoy the June 2017 edition of the Australian Foreign Investment Review.

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