

# CLASS ACTIONS FIRESIDE SERIES

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Join our leading class action experts for an informal discussion as they unpack the headlines, explain the issues and share their views on the latest class action developments.

In this series, we present 15-20 minute sessions designed to bring you quickly up to speed, in what is a significant and rapidly changing area of risk for Australian organisations.

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## LATEST CONTENT

In our fifth episode “Product liability class actions”, Peter Holloway, Jason Betts and Aoife Xuereb discuss the suitability of the class action regime for mass product liability claims, particularly those involving pharmaceuticals, medical devices and general consumer products where personal injury is alleged.





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## **WATCH**

Cut through all the noise of the recent class action reforms, as our expert panel unpacks the headlines and explains the issues and how it might impact you and the future trajectory of class action activity.

Our expert panel discusses the growth in litigation funding in Australia, common fund orders and contingency fees, regulation of funders and the link to the recently announced Parliamentary Committee inquiry.

In this episode, our expert panel reflects on the current debate surrounding shareholder class actions, the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination No 2 and how further reform urged by some stakeholders might play out.

In this episode, our expert panel share their thoughts on what's next for class actions, having regard to emerging trends, the current economic climate and COVID-19.

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Cut through all the noise of the recent class action reforms, as our expert panel unpacks the headlines and explains the issues and how it might impact you and the future trajectory of class action activity.

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Our expert panel discusses the growth in litigation funding in Australia, common fund orders and contingency fees, regulation of funders and the link to the recently announced Parliamentary Committee inquiry.

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### **CLASS ACTION FIRESIDE EP3: FUTURE OF SHAREHOLDER CLASS ACTIONS**

In this episode, our expert panel reflects on the current debate surrounding shareholder class actions, the *Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination No 2* and how further reform urged by some stakeholders might play out.

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## **CLASS ACTION FIRESIDE EP4: WHAT'S NEXT FOR CLASS ACTIONS?**

In this episode, our expert panel, including Peter Butler, Alan Mitchell and Leah Watterson, share their thoughts on what's next for class actions, having regard to emerging trends, the current economic climate and Covid-19.

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## **CLASS ACTION FIRESIDE EP5: PRODUCT LIABILITY CLASS ACTIONS**

In this episode, our expert panel discuss the suitability of the class action regime for mass product liability claims, particularly those involving pharmaceuticals, medical devices and general consumer products where personal injury is alleged.

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### **FUNDED CLASS ACTIONS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT: AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES NEW REGULATIONS**

On 24 July 2020, the Australian Federal Government introduced new regulations, removing the 'managed investment scheme' (MIS) and other financial services regulatory exemptions that apply for litigation funding schemes used in class actions.

### **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EASES CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE RULES**

On the 25 May, the Australian Federal Government modified the continuous disclosure provisions of the [Corporations Act 2001 \(Cth\)](#) (**Corporations Act**) in an effort to provide temporary relief to companies and officers for a six month period from Tuesday 26 May 2020.

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