New Zealand Twilight Seminar
Thursday, 13 August 2020

Date: **Thursday, 13 August 2020**

Time:

New Zealand	5.30 pm
AEST (NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS)	3.30 pm
South Australia	3.00 pm
Western Australia	1.30 pm

Access: **Presentation in person** and **via Webinar**

ALERT: 12 August 2020: We had planned to hold this in person in Wellington and Auckland, as well as via Zoom. Unfortunately the change in Covid alert levels means that this will now be presented by webinar only.

Helen will be presenting her part of the session from Wellington and Kevin will presenting his part from Auckland.

Topic: **Plant Variety Rights**

The Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 provides for the grant of intellectual property rights called "plant variety rights" (PVRs). The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is currently reviewing the PVR regime to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and consistent with New Zealand's obligations to Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi, as well as its international treaty obligations.

This session will provide an update on the MBIE review. In addition, there will be analysis and discussion of the High Court's recent decision in Zespri Group Ltd v Gao & Ors [2020] NZHC 109, one of the few plant variety rights infringement cases to go to trial. The session will look at what the Court decided and the broader application of the case in terms of damages and overseas-based infringement.

Speakers: **Helen Bellchambers**, A J Park

Helen is a patent attorney and a lawyer. She leads AJ Park's plant sciences team and supervises AJ Park's plant variety protection practice of over 500 cases, covering more than 40 plant genera, filed in over 25 countries.

Kevin Glover, Shortland Chambers

Kevin is a barrister practising in the area of commercial disputes, and has specialised in intellectual property since 2000. He is regularly briefed for complex IP trials and appeals. Kevin has been the chair of the NZ branch of IPSANZ since 2018.

CPD: **1 CPD point – Substantive Law**

Cost: **Attendance by virtual : Zoom ™**

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