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THE CHINA AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (ChAFTA) LEGAL SERVICES & THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) is unique in securing China's first-ever treaty commitments on commercial association between law firms. In addition to guaranteeing existing access for Australian law firms in China, ChAFTA also guarantees Australian law firms the ability to establish commercial associations with Chinese law firms in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone (SFTZ). These commercial associations will be able to offer Australian, Chinese and international legal services, without restrictions on where clients are located.

This seminar discusses the impact of ChAFTA on the trade in legal services between China and Australia and locates ChAFTA within the broader regional context.

PANELLISTS

- **Dene Yeaman**
Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Lead Negotiator on Services
- **Andrew Godwin**
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PUBLICATIONS LAUNCH:

This event will also launch two recent publications from authors at the Asian Law Centre:

- Andrew Godwin and Timothy Howse, *Legal Services under the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement: Surveying the Landscape* (Asian Law Centre Briefing Paper)
- Andrew Godwin, *China Lexicon* (Vantage Asia)

DATE Thursday 29 October 2015
TIME (5.00pm for) 5:30pm - 7:00pm

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King & Wood Mallesons
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