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A CCP Resolution Regime for Australia – Eve Brown

In the years that have followed the global financial crisis, the international regulatory community has taken assertive and organised action to deal with the regulatory gaps in wholesale financial markets. Complex and non-standardised derivative markets, while not thought to be the main cause of the crisis, have been recognised as a significant contributing factor. This has led the Financial Stability Board to encourage member states to require central clearing of more derivative trades than ever before, which in turn has created a new systemically significant entity in the central counterparty (CCP). While most attention has been given to developing appropriate local resolution regimes for commercial and investment banks, the new role of CCPs makes a resolution regime for these entities equally important. Against a backdrop of comparable recovery and resolution regimes overseas, this article proposes a CCP resolution regime for Australia. Specifically, it suggests which recovery tools might be appropriate in the Australian context, whether and when a government bailout should occur, and which Australian regulator should be the resolution authority.

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