

## **Australian Graduate School of Management**

Advice from the University of Sydney Office of General Counsel [Sarah Heesom on instruction from Richard Fisher, General Counsel]:

Between 1999 and 2005, the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales were parties to a joint venture agreement to establish and conduct the business school known as AGSM. The joint venture and the agreement were terminated effective 31 December 2005.

In accordance with the joint venture agreement, all graduates of the AGSM received co-badged degrees. Pursuant to the deed of dissolution for the AGSM, all 'Joint Venture Students' also received a degree jointly conferred by the University of Sydney and UNSW. 'Joint Venture Student' is defined in the deed of dissolution to mean students who transferred enrolment from the University of Sydney or UNSW to the AGSM, or who first enrolled at the AGSM, on or before 31 December 2006, notwithstanding that a student may not have commenced or completed his or her course of study prior to that date.

In my opinion, all former students who graduated from the AGSM during the term of the joint venture, and all Joint Venture Students, are 'graduates' of the University of Sydney pursuant to subsection 2(a) of the Act<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> *University of Sydney Act 1989* (as amended)