



PUBLIC SECTOR NEWSLETTER - NEW SOUTH WALES

This edition of our NSW public sector newsletter will be the last for 2018. We will resume after Australia Day 2019.

In this newsletter we cover the encryption laws that recently passed through the Senate, anti-corruption measures and much more.

Season's Greetings from all of us, and we hope you all enjoy time with your family and friends in the weeks ahead.

MEDIA

Joint communiqué from Australia's anti-corruption Commissioners

As International Anti-Corruption Day has just passed (December 9), we, the Commissioners of independent, anti-corruption and law enforcement integrity agencies in Australia, collectively call on public sector leaders to do more to build strong cultures of integrity that resist corruption <https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au/media-releases/article/united-against-corruption---leadership-is-the-key-to-corruption-prevention>

Crossbench bill and passed motion brings corruption watchdog closer, Government must join the table

The Law Council strongly supports the establishment of a National Integrity Commission to combat corruption at the federal level. Law Council of Australia President, Morry Bailes, said it was important that momentum is maintained, but that proper process is followed to ensure Parliament gets the model right <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/crossbench-bill-and-passed-motion-brings-corruption-watchdog-closer--government-must-join-the-table>

Rushed encryption laws create risk of unintended consequences and overreach

While the encryption access legislation rammed through the Senate is an improvement, there is now the very real possibility of unintended consequences as well as intelligence agency and law enforcement overreach according to the Law Council of Australia <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/rushed-encryption-laws-create-risk-of-unintended-consequences-and-overreach->

Encryption law falls short on rights safeguards

Human Rights Commissioner Edward Santow warns significant threats to human rights remain despite some improvements to Australia's encryption law <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/media-releases/encryption-law-falls-short-rights-safeguards>

New scheme to help people with their taxation reviews

The Hon Justice Steward of the Federal Court, who is also a Deputy President of the AAT, has officially launched an initiative to offer pro bono legal advice and support to eligible taxpayers who are seeking an AAT review of a taxation matter <http://www.aat.gov.au/resources/news/new-scheme-to-help-people-with-their-taxation-revi>

APS Review heads towards 2030

The Independent Review of the Australian Public Service (APS) has commissioned a consultant to look into the future to assist in determining what the APS will need to deal with in the year 2030. The consultants report can be accessed [here](#)

Guidelines for special measures: Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)

The Australian Human Rights Commission has published refreshed guidelines for the use of special measures under the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth). Special measures are positive actions used to promote equality for disadvantaged groups, which are permitted under the Sex Discrimination Act. <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/stories/guidelines-special-measures-sex-discrimination-act-1984-cth>

Direct cross-examination ban gets the go ahead

The Morrison Government has passed legislation ensuring victims of family violence will be protected from direct cross-examination by their alleged perpetrators in family law proceedings. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/Media/Pages/Direct-cross-examination-ban-gets-the-go-ahead-5-december-2018.aspx>

All major criminal offences are falling or stable across NSW

Crime across NSW has remained stable or fallen over the last two years. Seven offences have trended down over the last 24 months. The remaining ten offences were stable. https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_media_releases/2018/mr-NSW-Recorded-Crime-Statistics-quarterly-update-September-2018.aspx

Lawyer X's conduct unethical and clear breach of rules

The Law Council of Australia has expressed deep concern about disclosures legal counsel acted as a police informer. Law Council of Australia president said the disclosures reveal a clear breach of legal professional Rules and reinforced the need for properly resourced oversight bodies to supervise the activities of law enforcement. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/lawyer-xs-conduct-unethical-and-clear-breach-of-rules>

National defamation reform moves ahead

The Hon Mark Speakman SC MP has issued a media release detailing terms of reference approved by the Council of the Attorney-General (CAG) to guide the national defamation reform process. The purpose of defamation law is to balance freedom of speech with the right of individuals to protect their reputations <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/media-news/media-releases/2018/national-defamation-reform-moves-ahead.aspx>

Free diary informs seniors of their legal rights

Scams, elder abuse, funerals and pensions are all covered in a free diary aimed at keeping seniors informed of their legal rights. Mr Speakman said the diary from Legal Aid NSW is full of useful tips that will help seniors protect their rights and to keep safe <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/media-news/media-releases/2018/free-diary-informs-seniors-of-their-legal-rights.aspx>

Scam Technology Project to address proliferation of scams

The ACMA has established a Scam Technology Project to explore practical technical solutions to address the proliferation of scam calls over Australian telecommunications networks. 'Scam calls are more than a nuisance, they pose a real threat, particularly to those in vulnerable circumstances. <https://www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/scam-technology-project-to-address-proliferation-of-scams>

Royal Commission into Victoria Police scandal welcome, but lawyers and experts call for immediate police accountability reforms

Lawyers and advocates from across Victoria have welcomed the Andrews Government announcement of a Royal Commission into police misconduct, but say the Andrews Government should immediately establish an independent Police Corruption & Misconduct Division within IBAC. <https://www.hrlc.org.au/news/2018/12/3/royal-commission-into-victoria-police-scandal-welcome-but-lawyers-and-experts-call-for-immediate-police-accountability-reforms>

Landmark child sexual abuse laws in force

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government has completed one of the largest overhauls of child sexual abuse legislation, with a range of tough new laws coming into force to increase child protection, bring offenders to justice and deliver better outcomes for survivors. <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/media-news/media-releases/2018/landmark-child-sexual-abuse-laws-in-force.aspx>

Appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

The Attorney-General has announced 33 new appointments to the AAT. All have been appointed as part-time members, allowing them to be called upon by the AAT as needed to ensure the caseload within the Migration and Refugee Division is appropriately managed <http://www.aat.gov.au/resources/news/appointments-to-the-administrative-appeals-tri-7>

Modern Slavery Act a reality after years of advocacy

Under the new laws, entities with an annual consolidated revenue of more than \$100 million will be required to report on slavery risks in their supply chains. Law Council of Australia President, Morry Bailes, congratulated the Australian Government, and Parliament, for making a Modern Slavery Act a reality <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/modern-slavery-act-a-reality-after-years-of-advocacy>

Digital transformation

The AAT is developing a range of new digital services to improve accessibility. The AAT is committed to getting on board with the transformation agenda by working towards vision of the Digital Transformation Strategy, which is to deliver world-leading digital services by 2025 <http://www.aat.gov.au/resources/news/digital-transformation>

Senate urged to reject courts merger

The Law Council is urging the Senate to reject the Federal Government's attempt to push a merger of the Federal Circuit Court and the Family Court through Parliament, arguing it will not alleviate the court system crisis affecting so many Australian families <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/senate-urged-to-reject-courts-merger>

Strengthened charity advocacy laws pass after year of consultation

The Human Rights Law Centre welcomes the passing of the electoral funding bill, which, after consultation with charities and not-for-profit organisations, is vastly different from the initial flawed proposal that would have stifled vital public advocacy by charities <https://www.hrlc.org.au/news/2018/11/27/strengthened-charity-advocacy-laws-pass>

PUBLISHED - ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS**[Human Services' Compliance Strategies](#)**

ANAO Report No 15: 06 December 2018

The objective of this audit was to assess whether Human Services has an effective high-level compliance strategy for administered payments made under the Centrelink and Medicare programs

[Trust and democracy in Australia: democratic decline and renewal](#)

Gerry Stoker, Mark Evans, Max Halupka; Democracy 2025: 05 December 2018

Over the past four years UC-IGPA and MoAD have conducted a range of quantitative surveys with the Social Research Institute at Ipsos on the relationship between trust in the political system and attitudes towards democracy

[Australian government Information Security Manual](#)

Australian Cyber Security Centre, Australian Signals Directorate: 04 December 2018

These guidelines are intended for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), Chief Information Officers (CIOs), cyber security professionals and information technology managers. As such, these guidelines discuss both governance and technical concepts in order to support the protection of organisations' information and systems.

[Corruption and integrity in the NSW public sector: an assessment of current trends and events](#)

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC): 04 December 2018

This report on current trends in corruption and integrity in the NSW public sector warns the public sector to be wary of risks associated with blurred lines between government and non-government sectors, badly-managed organisational change, and rules that unintentionally can encourage corrupt conduct.

[End of term self-assessment report for Australia's first Open Government National Action Plan 2016-18](#)

Open Government Partnership (Australia); Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Australia): 03 December 2018

While there are still a small number of commitments delayed in this first National Action Plan, Australia has taken great strides to improve transparency, accountability and public engagement over the course of this action plan cycle, with the majority of the plan's commitments either on track or now completed.

[Policy and process to limit and reduce red tape: final report](#)

Parliament of Australia: 3 December 2018

This report provides information on the establishment and conduct of the policy and process inquiry, and key objectives of the Deregulation Agenda. It also examines some of the information presented to the committee, before presenting the committee's findings and recommendations.

[Australians' attitudes to violence against women and gender equality](#)

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety: 30 November 2018

This report documents findings from the National Community Attitudes towards Violence against Women Survey (NCAS) and considers them in the context of other related research. It has been written for an audience interested in greater detail about the concepts measured in the survey, survey findings and implications for policy, program development and practice

[Disability Support Pension - follow-on audit](#)

Australian National Audit Office: 29 November 2018

The objective of this audit was to examine if Social Services and Human Services drive improvements in the Disability Support Pension program using data and information from multiple sources, including agreed Auditor-General and parliamentary committee recommendations.

[Election funding and disclosure in Australian states and territories: A quick guide - November 2018 update](#)

Damon Muller; Parliamentary Library (Australia): 28 November 2018

This guide summarises the often complex funding and disclosure laws federally, and in each Australian state and territory. These laws regulate who can make and receive political donations, how and when those donations must be disclosed, how much money political parties can spend on election campaigns, and the amount of public money they receive to fund their campaigns and operations

[Legislative exemptions that allow faith-based educational institutions to discriminate against students, teachers and staff](#)

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; Parliament of Australia: 26 November 2018

The recent public debate on the matters being considered in this inquiry has been prompted, in the most immediate sense, by the disclosure of certain recommendations in a review on religious freedom commissioned by the federal government.

CASES

[Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd \(No 3\) \[2018\] NSWLEC 193](#)

JUDICIAL REVIEW – whether condition of mine approval requiring rehabilitation strategy to be prepared imports objective requirements as to content of the strategy – whether rehabilitation strategy meets the definition of rehabilitation strategy in the conditions of consent – whether Secretary was able to form opinion of satisfaction in respect of the strategy prepared JUDICIAL REVIEW – whether Secretary failed to take mandatory considerations into account – whether Secretary's state of satisfaction with respect to rehabilitation strategy was legally unreasonable EVIDENCE – admissibility of expert evidence – criteria which need to be established for expert evidence to be admitted – considerations which go to admissibility – considerations which go to weight

[Michael Evans v Industrial Relations Secretary on behalf of the Department of Justice \(Corrective Services NSW\) \[2018\] NSWIRComm 1075](#)

PUBLIC SECTOR DISCIPLINARY APPEAL – correctional officer dismissed following convictions for out-of-hours criminal conduct – principles to be applied on appeal – misconduct found – mitigating factors considered – decision to dismiss upheld

[Webb v Port Stephens Council \(No 3\) \[2018\] NSWCATAP 286](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – merit review of decision of the respondent administrator under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 – open access information – conclusive public interest against disclosure – legal professional privilege ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – merit review of decision of the respondent administrator under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 – open access information – overriding public interest against disclosure – personal information and expose a person to a risk of harm

[DHU v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Service \[2018\] NSWCATAP 282](#)

APPEALS – Administrative Review – where, in 2018, the appellant made an application for external review of the conduct of the respondent under s 55(1) of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act) – where, on the application of the respondent the Tribunal dismissed the appellant’s application as it found that the appellant’s 2016 complaint to the respondent was not a request for internal review under s 53(1) of the PPIP Act – whether dismissal decision interlocutory or ancillary – whether Tribunal erred in dismissing the appellant’s application – no error found

[DMI v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force; DMJ v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force \[2018\] NSWCATAD 284](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – administrative review – privacy – access to personal and health information – whether request for internal review prerequisite to tribunal jurisdiction

[Telstra Corporation Ltd v Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal \[2018\] NSWCATAD 269](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW- access to government information- general public interest in favour of disclosure of government information- whether the disclosure of the information would contribute to open public debate of government policy- whether disclosure of the information would permit the checking of improper or unlawful activity by government- prejudice to the supply to an agency of confidential information that facilitates the effective exercise of that agency’s function- prejudice to the effective exercise by an agency of the agency’s functions- disclosure of information provided to an agency in confidence- prejudice to any person’s legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests- balancing of public interest considerations for and against disclosure

[CHU Underwriting Pty Ltd v Hunter Water Corporation \[2018\] NSWCATAD 273](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Government Information (Public Access) Act -- GIPA - legal professional privilege -- sufficiency of evidence to establish factors against disclosure - weight to apply significantly to factors against disclosure

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**United against corruption: Joint communiqué from Australia’s anti-corruption Commissioners**

To mark International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December, the heads of all Australian anti-corruption bodies have issued a joint communiqué. It calls on public sector leaders to do more to build strong cultures of integrity that resist corruption. Read the [full communiqué](#).

New sittings times for Full Court sittings in the High Court of Australia

Having recently trial led an earlier starting time of 10:00am for Full Court sittings the Justices of the High Court have adopted the earlier starting time as permanent practice. Read more [here](#).

High Court Rules - Amendments to Second Schedule

The High Court have advised it has made amendments to the High Court Rules 2004, amending Schedule 2, available [here](#).

The Court has agreed to the recommendation of the Committee for an increase of 2.1% to the solicitors’ costs as set out in Schedule 2 of the High Court Rules 2004, which is to come into operation on 1 January 2019 and will apply in respect of all work done and services performed by solicitors after 31 December 2018.

See the [High Court Amendment \(Fees\) Rules 2018](#)

AAT Bulletins 2018

[Issue No. 47/2018](#), 3 December 2018

[Issue No. 46/2018](#), 26 November 2018

LCA makes submission on future of the Family Court

The Law Council of Australia has made a [submission](#) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018* and the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018*. The submission has now been published on the [Senate inquiry’s web page](#).

[LCA: Australian Human Rights Commission National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces](#)

The development of the Law Council’s submission to the [Australian Human Rights Commission’s National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces](#) is underway. Under the inquiry’s [terms of reference](#) it will also consider the current legal framework and contributing actors behind workplace sexual harassment in the legal profession. Contributions to the submission closed on 3 December 2018.

NSW**[Amendments to the Guardianship Act and Powers of Attorney Act](#)**

Recent changes to the Guardianship Act 1987 and Powers of Attorney Act 2003 extend the list persons who are parties to NCAT Guardianship Division proceedings. From 1 December 2018, the legislative changes add the following as statutory parties: NSW Public Guardian and NSW Trustee and Guardian

NSW Council of Attorneys General Defamation Working Party: Terms of Reference

The Defamation Working Party (DWP) is comprised of one nominated representative from each Australian state and territory jurisdiction and established under the auspices of the Council of Attorneys General (CAG). The DWP is to be chaired by a representative from the NSW Department of Justice. The DWP will consider whether the policy objectives of the Model Defamation Provisions (MDPs) remain valid and whether the MDPs remain appropriate to achieve these objectives. The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

NSW Court Appointments

06 December 2018 [Seven new District Court judges appointed](#)

05 December 2018 [New Supreme Court and Court of Appeal judges](#)

NSWBA Submission to Senate Inquiry into the proposed restructure of the family law system

The New South Wales Bar Association has made a [submission](#) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee's Inquiry into two bills which are currently before the Parliament to restructure the Federal Courts and in effect abolish the Family Court of Australia

[ICAC: Operation Dasha public inquiry resumes 10 December 2018](#)

The Operation Dasha public inquiry into allegations concerning the former Canterbury City Council will resume on Monday 10 December

[ICAC: Corruption Matters e-newsletter available now](#)

The latest edition of the ICAC's Corruption Matters stakeholder e-newsletter is out now.

[ICAC'S first report on state of corruption in NSW warns of evolving risks](#)

The first NSW ICAC report on current trends in corruption and integrity in the NSW public sector warns the public sector to be wary of risks associated with blurred lines between government and non-government sectors, badly-managed organisational change, and rules that unintentionally can encourage corrupt conduct

LEGISLATION**[Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2018](#)**

Finally passed both Houses 05/12/2018

The Bill will improve and modernise the legislative framework that governs the use of force by the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) to address key operational challenges and issues

[Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment \(Assistance and Access\) Bill 2018](#)

Finally passed both Houses 06/12/2018

Amends the: Telecommunications Act 1997 to: establish frameworks for voluntary and mandatory industry assistance to law enforcement and intelligence agencies in relation to encryption technologies via the issuing of technical assistance requests, technical assistance

notices and technical capability notices; and make amendments contingent on the commencement of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2018

[Sex Discrimination Amendment \(Removing Discrimination Agent Students\) Bill 2018](#)

Senate Second reading debate 03/12/2018

Amends the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 to remove the capacity of bodies established for religious purposes that provide education to directly discriminate against students on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex status

[International Human Rights and Corruption \(Magnitsky Sanctions\) Bill 2018](#)

HR Second reading moved 03/12 2018

The purpose of the Bill is to make provisions enabling sanctions to be imposed, at the discretion of the Minister, for the purposes of compliance with United Nations obligations or other international obligations; or for the purposes of preventing or responding to gross human rights abuse or violations; or acts of significant corruption

[National Integrity \(Parliamentary Standards\) Bill 2018](#)

HR Second reading moved 03/12 2018

This bill is part of a package of bills to promote public trust and confidence in the integrity of Parliament, the public sector and the system of Government. This package is about

creating a culture of integrity, a pro-active and solutions focused approach to preventing corruption

[Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2018](#)

Senate Second reading moved 03/12 2018

Introduced with the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018, the bill: amends the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976 to establish the Family Law Appeal Division in the Federal Court of Australia; and provide the Family Law Appeal Division appellate jurisdiction in relation to family law appeals from the Federal Circuit and Family Court (FCFC) as well as some appeals from the Family Court of Western Australia; amends the Family Law Act 1975 to largely remove the appellate function of the Family Court of Australia; and ensure that the Act continues to operate in the context of the FCFC; makes consequential amendments to 123 Acts and 25 court-related regulations and rules; amends various Acts contingent on the commencement of 21 proposed Acts;

[Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018](#)

Senate Second reading moved 03/12 2018

Introduced with the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018, the bill unifies the administrative structure of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, which will be known as the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia comprised of Division 1 (which will be a continuation of the Family Court) and Division 2 (which will be a continuation of the Federal Circuit Court).

Acts

[Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform\) Act 2018](#)

04/12/2018 Act No. 147 of 2018

Regulation

[Evidence Regulations 2018](#)

07/12/2018 - These regulations (the Regulations) remake the Evidence Regulations 1995 (the Principle Regulations) with minor amendments to ensure the Regulations remain fit for purpose and meet the needs of the community. The Regulations remove a section in the Principal Regulations which referred to a repealed section of the Act; add the Evidence Act 2011 (ACT) to section 9 of the Regulations as a prescribed Act for the purpose of self-incrimination certificates; amend Forms 2 and 3 in Schedule 1 to the Regulations to align with current practice in relation to fingerprint evidence; and repeal the Principal Regulations (Schedule 2)

[Marriage \(Celebrant Professional Development\) Amendment Statement 2018](#)

04/12/2018 - This instrument amends the Marriage (Celebrant Professional Development) Statement 2018 to include three additional activities and repeals and replaces item 185 and inserts new items 186-188 to improve efficiencies in administration of the ongoing professional development (OPD) reporting process

[Family Law Amendment \(Costs\) Rules 2018](#)

04/12/2018 - These Rules amend the Family Law Rules 2004 to increase by 2.1% the costs allowable for work done and services rendered by lawyers and itemised in the scale of costs in Schedule 3.

[Freedom of Information \(Disclosure Log - Exempt Documents\) Determination 2018](#)

30/11/2018 - This determination repeals the Disclosure Log Determination No. 2013-1 (Exempt Documents) and prescribes two categories of information that an agency or Minister is not required to make available to members of the public as part of a disclosure log

[Charter of the United Nations \(UN Sanction Enforcement Law\) Amendment Declaration 2018 \(No.2\)](#)

27/11/2018 - This instrument amends Schedule 1 of the Charter of the United Nations (UN Sanction Enforcement Law) Declaration 2008 to add sections 5 and 6 of the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions—Mali) Regulations 2018. This has the effect that sections 5 and 6 are declared as 'UN sanction enforcement laws', meaning that contravening these prohibitions may, pursuant to section 27 of the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945, result in a penalty of imprisonment.

[Copyright \(International Protection\) Amendment Regulations 2018](#)

26/11/2018 - These regulations amend the Copyright (International Protection) Regulations 1969 to update the protection provided to foreign countries. This update is made in accordance with Australia's treaty obligations and commitment to protecting international sound recordings and encoded broadcasts

[Marriage \(Recognised Denominations\) Proclamation 2018](#)

26/11/2018 - This instrument replaces the Marriage (Recognised Denominations) Proclamation 2007 (due to sunset on 1 April 2019) on substantially the same terms, subject to the removal of four recognised denominations and changes to the names of three recognised denominations.

[Electoral and Referendum Amendment \(Official Secretary to the Governor-General\) Regulations 2018](#)

26/11/2018 - These regulations amend the Electoral and Referendum Regulation 2016 to include the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General as a prescribed authority, and sets out a prescribed purpose for giving electoral Roll information to this prescribed authority

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Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[Evidence \(Audio and Audio Visual Links\) Amendment \(Bail Exemptions\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2018](#) (2018-702) — published LW 7 December 2018

[Uniform Civil Procedure \(Amendment No 87\) Rule 2018](#) (2018-706) — published LW 7 December 2018

[Uniform Civil Procedure \(Amendment No 88\) Rule 2018](#) (2018-707) — published LW 7 December 2018

[Guardianship Amendment \(Transitional Provision\) Regulation 2018](#) (2018-686) — published LW 30 November 2018

[Powers of Attorney Amendment \(Transitional Provision\) Regulation 2018](#) (2018-690) — published LW 30 November 2018

[Road Transport Legislation Amendment \(Release of Information to Toll Operators\) Regulation 2018](#) (2018-692) — published LW 30 November 2018

Proclamations commencing Acts

[Justice Legislation Amendment Act \(No 3\) 2018 No 87](#) (2018-700) — published LW 7 December 2018

[Criminal Legislation Amendment \(Child Sexual Abuse\) Act 2018 No 33](#) (2018-671) — published LW 30 November 2018

[Justice Legislation Amendment Act \(No 2\) 2018 No 29](#) (2018-675) — published LW 30 November 2018

Proclamation to commence amendments to the following Acts: (b) Guardianship Act 1987; (e) Powers of Attorney Act 2003 and (f) Succession Act 2006

[Justice Legislation Amendment Act \(No 2\) 2018 No 29](#) (2018-676) — published LW 30 November 2018

[Victims Rights and Support Amendment \(Statutory Review\) Act 2018 No 34](#) (2018-677) — published LW 30 November 2018

Bills assented to

Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Act 2018 No 81 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2018 No 83 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment Act 2018 No 84 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Justice Legislation Amendment Act (No 3) 2018 No 87
— Assented to 28 November 2018

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Victims) Act 2018 No
88 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Government Information (Public Access) Amendment
Act 2018 No 89 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Surveillance Devices Amendment (Statutory Review) Act
2018 No 90 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Terrorism (Police Powers) Amendment (Statutory Review)
Act 2018 No 92 — Assented to 28 November 2018

Community Protection Legislation Amendment Act
2018 No 94 — Assented to 28 November 2018

For the full text of Bills, and details on the passage of
Bills, see [Bills](#).

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- 2(a) Commercial and contractual matters
- 4(a) Employment and industrial relations law

- 4(f) Discrimination
- 6(b) General litigation and dispute resolution
- 6(c) Debt recovery