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[ALRC: Report Launch – The Future of Law Reform](#)

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has released a report suggesting an ambitious agenda for law reform over the next five years.

The full report can be found at this link: [The future of law reform: a suggested program of work 2020-25](#)

This report seeks to identify the most pressing areas for law reform in Australia that would be suitable for an inquiry by the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC). If accepted, the topics set out in this report could form a set program of work for the ALRC over the next five years. This is the first time the ALRC has undertaken this process.

MEDIA

Court reforms to deliver better outcomes for families

Fixing the broken structure of the family court system and helping families achieve faster and lower cost resolutions are the key aims of legislation to be introduced into Federal Parliament. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/court-reforms-deliver-better-outcomes-families-5-december-2019>

LCA: Parliament should reject flawed family court merger Bill

Legislation merging the specialist Family Court into a single generalist court will not alleviate the fundamental problems plaguing the family law system, including the risk of victims of family violence falling through the cracks. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/parliament-should-reject-flawed-family-court-merger-bill>

New PS engagement tools put to work

The Department said the new APS Framework for Engagement and Participation would include guidance on engagement principles and standards for the APS and ways to open dialogue for “deliberative engagement”. <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/aps-framework-for-engagement-and-participation>

LCA: Act now to bolster government accountability and rule of law

A raft of legislation before parliament this month risks seriously undermining the administration of justice and the

rights of all Australians, the Law Council of Australia has warned. The Law Council is concerned about legislation to validate unlawful decisions that have been taken by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and broaden the authorisation process for operations or investigations. (01 December 2019) <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/act-now-to-bolster-government-accountability-and-rule-of-law>

NSW leads work on child sexual assault reforms

A NSW Government-led process to significantly reform evidence law in Uniform Evidence jurisdictions across Australia will help achieve a more effective and consistent response in prosecutions involving child sexual abuse. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/nsw-leads-work-on-child-sexual-assault-reforms>

Nation unites on defamation reform

The NSW-led process to update national defamation laws reached a new milestone today, with Australia’s Attorneys-General agreeing to release draft reforms for public consultation. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/nation-unites-on-defamation-reform>

New laws to help stamp out foreign bribery offences

The Morrison Government is strengthening Australia’s foreign bribery laws to help crackdown on corporations and employees that improperly influence foreign officials. (28 November 2019) <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/new-laws-help-stamp-out-foreign-bribery-offences-28-november-2019>

PUBLISHED - ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORT

[Delivering government priorities: corporate plan 2019–2023](#)

This document sets out how the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet intends to deliver on their responsibilities, and addresses their operating environment, their people and capability, their risk management and oversight and their key activities and performance measures.

[APSC: State of the Service Report 2018–19](#)

The State of the Service Report 2018–19 was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 26 November 2019. The report is informed by data from the annual APS agency survey and APS employee census, as well as the APS Employment Database.

[Implementation of the My Health Record System](#)

The audit objective was to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the My Health Record system under the opt-out model Implementation of the My Health Record System

IN PRACTICE AND COURTS

[Federal Court of Australia—new Defamation Practice Note](#)

The Federal Court of Australia has issued a new Defamation Practice Note (DEF-1), taking effect from 12 November 2019. Feedback should be provided by email addressed to Rupert Burns, the National Co-ordinating Registrar for the Defamation Sub area at practice.notes@fedcourt.gov.au. Feedback should include a short summary of the key issues to be brought to the Court's attention and relevant contact details.

[AAT Bulletin](#)

The AAT Bulletin is a weekly publication containing a list of recent AAT decisions and information relating to appeals against AAT decisions, including immigration and citizenship. Issue No. 48/2019, 2 December 2019.

[Council of Attorneys-General \(CAG\) communiqué](#)

29 November 2019 - A meeting of the Council of Attorneys-General (CAG) was held on 29 November 2019 in Adelaide, South Australia. All jurisdictions were represented by Ministers.

Current Consultations – 06 December 2019

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

[National Integrity \(Parliamentary Standards\) Bill 2019](#)
[Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants\) Bill 2019](#)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

[Australia's declarations made under certain international laws](#)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

[Family Law Amendment \(Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy\) Bill 2019 \[Provisions\]](#)
[Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 \[Provisions\]](#) and [Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2019 \[Provisions\]](#)
[Crimes Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Corporate Crime\) Bill 2019](#)
[Transport Security Amendment \(Testing and Training\) Bill 2019](#)
[Transport Security Amendment \(Serious Crime\) Bill 2019 \[Provisions\]](#)

NSW

NSW Department of Justice: Current Consultations

[Review of the Inspector of Custodial Services Act 2012](#)

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is conducting a review of the Inspector of Custodial Services Act 2012 to determine whether its policy objectives remain valid and its terms remain appropriate for securing those objectives. Submissions close on 20 December 2019

[Review of the Graffiti Control Act 2008](#)

The Department of Communities and Justice is seeking feedback on the Graffiti Control Act 2008 to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and if its terms remain appropriate for securing those objectives. Submissions close on 10 February 2020

[JUDCOM: Civil Trials Bench Book – Update 40, December 2019](#)

The following changes have been incorporated into this update: [1-0240] Broadcast of judgments; [1-0400] Proceedings in public suppression orders; [1-0930] Interpreters – implementation; [2-0010] Case management overview; [2-2680] Abuse of process; [4-1515] Privilege – observations on the operation of s 118; [5-4000] Defamation; [8-0000] Costs and [10-0300] Civil and criminal contempt.

[JUDCOM: The Bar Book Project is launched](#)

The Public Defenders NSW launched the [Bar Book Project](#) on 8 November 2019. The Bar Book is hosted on the Public Defenders' website. The Bar Book Project has developed chapters of research relating to experiences of disadvantage and deprivation. The purpose of this resource, for legal practitioners, is to assist in the preparation and presentation of evidence to establish the application of the *Bugmy v The Queen* (2013) 249 CLR 571 principles.

[NSW IPC: Statement - Information Commissioner action to promote compliance with Information Access Guideline](#)

29 November 2019 - Information Commissioner action to promote compliance with Information Access Guideline 1 - For Local Councils on the disclosure of information (returns disclosing the interest of councillors and designated persons) is outlined here.

[NCAT: Recognising NCAT's contribution to best practice guidelines](#)

Members of NCAT's Guardianship Division led the completion of a national project that developed best practice guidelines to encourage people with a decision-making disability to meaningfully participate in Tribunal proceedings. The full report is available on the [AGAC website](#). Many thanks to the NCAT Members who contributed their time and expertise developing these Guidelines.

[ICAC: Operation Aero public inquiry into allegations concerning political donations resumes](#)

The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) public inquiry into allegations concerning political donations, the NSW Branch of the Australian Labor Party (ALP), members of Chinese Friends of Labor and others will resume on Monday, 9 December 2019.

[ICAC: Prosecution briefs with the DPP and outcomes](#)

The tables on this page each provide information on prosecution briefs that are currently with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), and the outcomes of DPP advice and prosecutions. Last updated 26 November 2019.

[Decisions of interest: Practice support](#)

The NSW Court of Appeal has published its latest Decisions of Interest Bulletin on the [Court of Appeal website](#).

CASES

NSW

[Cheung v Commissioner of Police \[2019\] NSWCATAD 249](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Freedom of Information – access to information – secrecy provision in other legislation – whether overriding public interest against disclosure – form of access – provision of alternative form of access

[Robert Noble v Mosman Municipal Council \[2019\] NSWCATAD 247](#)

Administrative Law – Civil and Administrative Tribunal – administrative review jurisdiction – enabling legislation - no jurisdiction to review a decision with respect to a planning approval made under Part 1 of Chapter 7 of the Local Government Act 1933 – no jurisdiction to review a decision made with respect to an Application for Heritage Exemption under the Mosman Local Environmental Plan 2012. Robert Noble v Mosman Municipal Council [2019] NSWCATAD 247

[Choi v NSW Department of Justice \[2019\] NSWCATAD 248](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Freedom of information - application for review out of time - whether reasonable explanation for the delay.

[Liang v University of Technology Sydney \(No 3\) \[2019\] NSWSC 1705](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – administrative tribunals – statutory appeals from administrative authorities to courts – leave to appeal only available for error of law – no error of law identified – leave to appeal refused.

[DKV v Southern NSW Local Health District \(No 2\) \[2019\] NSWCATAD 243](#)

PRIVACY- Healthcare Privacy Principles-breaches conceded- psychological harm-damages.

[Rapisarda v Commissioner of Police; Housego v Commissioner of Police; Sheehy v Commissioner of Police; McDonald v Commissioner of Police \[2019\] NSWCATAD 242](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – Discrimination - Grounds – Sexual-orientation discrimination – Whether complaint of suspected drug use was made against applicant police officers on the ground of their homosexuality – Identification of relevant comparator – Whether officers were subjected to a detriment – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 s 49ZG, s 49ZH HUMAN RIGHTS – Legislation – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) – Vicarious liability – Whether Police officers “employees” for the purposes of the Act – Whether Commissioner of Police liable for discriminatory acts of Police officer – Anti-Discrimination

Act 1977 s 4B, s 53 HUMAN RIGHTS – Legislation – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) – Defences – Whether Police officer under statutory obligation to lodge discriminatory complaint – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 s 54 HUMAN RIGHTS – Discrimination – Victimisation – Whether making of complaint against Police officer and making adverse comments on application for promotion after Police officer had raised possibility that he had been the subject of discrimination constituted victimisation – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 s 50.

[Tang v Northern Sydney Local Health District \[2019\] NSWCATAD 241](#)

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION – application for leave to proceed with complaint - complaint of victimisation – whether fair or just to Tang v Northern Sydney Local Health District [2019] NSWCATAD 241.

[El-Saeidy v Director of Public Prosecutions \(NSW\) \[2019\] NSWCA 289](#)

JUDICIAL REVIEW – appeal pending in District Court – criminal jurisdiction – appeals from convictions and imposition of apprehended domestic violence order IN Local Court – review of interlocutory decisions – review of rejection of recusal application PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS – bias – recusal application based on apprehended bias – appeal from refusal – when interlocutory appeal available PROCEDURE – solicitor on record – professional responsibilities – instructions terminated after failed adjournment application – limiting scope of solicitor’s instructions – application of Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW), Pt 7, div 7.

[Rodriguez & Sons Pty Ltd v Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority trading as Seqwater \(No 22\) \[2019\] NSWSC 1657](#)

REPRESENTATIVE ACTIONS – property damage arising out of widespread urban flooding from Brisbane River escaping its banks in January 2011 – group defined by reference to ownership or interest in property affected by flooding and whether group members or their insurer signed litigation funding agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – whether regulatory regime permitted flood releases from below full supply level of each dam – validity of approval granted to dam owner to make releases for flood mitigation from below full supply level – role of discretionary bases for refusing relief in determining a collateral challenge to executive action CIVIL PROCEDURE – cross-claims – Civil Liability Act 2003 (Qld); ss 28(1), 31(1), 32A – plaintiff’s claim in negligence is proportionate claim – no claims in contribution maintainable – cross-claim by dam owner against contractor – seeking contractual indemnity for liability to plaintiff and group members as well as costs – contractual exclusion for “indirect and consequential loss” – held exclusion applies – cross-claim fails.

[McGinn v NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal \[2019\] NSWSC 1696](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – judicial review – prerogative and declaratory relief – s 69 of the Supreme Court Act 1970 (NSW) – whether Appeal Panel had jurisdiction to make orders in relation to rental bond when the bond was not lodged with Rental Bond Authority – ss 175, 187, and 188

of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW) – grant of relief by way of prohibition, certiorari or declaration is discretionary – summons dismissed – orders.

[Kirkman v Minister Administering the Crown Lands Act \[2019\] NSWSC 1683](#)

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE – adjournment of proceedings – application for judicial review of administrative decision of the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry (“the Minister”) to close a Crown road and sell the land comprising the road to adjoining owners – plaintiff is one of the adjoining owners – Minister is the first defendant and has filed a submitting appearance – the other adjoining owner is the second defendant – the Minister’s failure to appear at the hearing makes it more difficult for the Court to determine what material was before the Minister at the time the challenged decision was made – Minister’s assistance sought to accurately determine the scope of the material before the decision-maker – what procedural directions should be undertaken to give the Court clarity about what materials were before the Minister at the time the decision was made.

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adjournment application – limiting scope of solicitor’s instructions – application of Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW), Pt 7, div 7.

[Schlaepfer v ASIC \[2019\] NSWSC 1644](#)

DEFAMATION – where oral communications made by officer of financial regulator to stockbrokers – whether communications conveyed defamatory imputations – where communications expressed regulator’s concern regarding possible manipulation of Australian stock market – whether plaintiffs identified by the communications DEFAMATION – defences – justification – common law qualified privilege defence established – defence of statutory qualified privilege established TORT – injurious falsehood – elements – malice not proved.

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LEGISLATION

Commonwealth

Regulations

[Remuneration Tribunal \(Members of Parliament\) Determination No. 2 2019](#)

02/12/2019 - This instrument deals with the remuneration of members of Parliament, the rates of travel allowance payable to such members, and the allowances and expenses to be paid to former members.

[Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Amendment \(Form of Warrants No. 2\) Regulations 2019](#)

02/12/2019 - These regulations amend the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Regulations 2017 to clarify the matters to which an eligible Judge or nominated Administrative Affairs Tribunal member must have regard under paragraphs 46(2)(fa) and (g) and paragraphs 46A(2)(fa) and (g) of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 when deciding whether to issue a warrant.

Bills

[Productivity Commission Amendment \(Addressing Inequality\) Bill 2017](#)

Senate - 2nd reading debate 02/12/2019 - Amends the Productivity Commission Act 1998 to: expand the functions of the Productivity Commission to include the undertaking of research on inequality and its effects on the Australian economy and community; require the commission to have regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to mitigate the negative effects of inequality; and provide for reporting requirements.

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold\) Bill 2019](#)

HR 02/12/2019 - The Bill amends the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 ("the Act") to lower the political donation disclosure threshold from \$13,800 to \$1,000, and to remove ongoing indexation of that disclosure threshold.

[Crimes Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Corporate Crime\) Bill 2019](#)

Senate - 2nd reading 02/12/2019 - Amends: the Criminal Code Act 1995 to: amend the offence of bribery of a foreign public official to extend the definition of foreign public official to include a candidate for office, remove the requirement that the foreign official must be influenced in the exercise of the official's duties, replace the requirement that a benefit and business advantage must be 'not legitimately due' with the concept of 'improperly influencing' a foreign public official, and extend the offence to cover bribery to obtain a personal advantage; and create a new offence of failure of a body corporate to prevent foreign bribery by an associate; the Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983 to implement a Commonwealth Deferred Prosecution Agreement scheme which will enable the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions to invite a person that has engaged in serious corporate crime to negotiate an agreement to comply with a range of specified conditions; and five Acts to make consequential amendments.

[Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Waiver of Debt and Act of Grace Payments\) Bill 2019](#)

HR 02/12/2019 - The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Waiver of Debt and Act of Grace Payments) Bill 2019 is being introduced to increase transparency in government operations.

[Australian Crime Commission Amendment \(Special Operations and Special Investigations\) Bill 2019](#)

Finally passed both Houses 05/12/2019 - The Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Special Operations and Special Investigations) Bill 2019 (the Bill) amends the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (the ACC Act) to confirm the validity of current and former special ACC operations and special ACC investigations determinations.

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Transparency Measures—Lowering the Disclosure Threshold\) Bill 2019](#)

HR 28/11/2019 - This Bill seeks to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 by lowering the disclosure threshold for political donations from \$13,800 (subject to indexation) to a fixed \$1,000.

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Transparency Measures—Real Time Disclosure\) Bill 2019](#)

HR 28/11/2019 - This Bill will require political parties and their associated entities, candidates, and senate groups to disclose donations or gifts received valued at or above the disclosure threshold within seven days of receipt, using a real time disclosure regime for political donations and gifts.

[Interactive Gambling Amendment \(National Self-exclusion Register\) Bill 2019](#)

27/11/2019 - The Register will allow individuals to exclude themselves from being provided interactive wagering services by all licensed interactive wagering service providers in Australia, and limit the amount of direct marketing to the individual.

NSW

Proclamations commencing Acts

[Electoral Funding Amendment \(Cash Donations\) Act 2019 No 22 \(2019-584\) — published LW 6 December 2019](#)

[Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2019 No 10](#) (2019-585) — published LW 6 December 2019

The object of this Proclamation is to commence provisions that amend the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 and regulations made under that Act, enabling applications for notices to produce documents to be made by email and any other method authorised by the regulations, at all times

[Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2019 No 10](#) (2019-586) — published LW 6 December 2019

The object of this Proclamation is to commence amendments to the Coroners Act 2009 that relate to therequirement to report deaths and the conduct of non-invasive preliminary examinations of a deceased person's remains

Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[Electoral Funding \(Adjustable Amounts\) \(Administrative and New Party Policy Development Funding\) Notice 2019](#) (2019-588) — published LW 6 December 2019

[Liquor Amendment \(Night Time Economy\) Regulation 2019](#) (2019-589) — published LW 6 December 2019

Bills assented to

Children's Guardian Act 2019 No 25 — Assented to 04 December 2019

Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[Child Protection \(Working with Children\) Amendment \(Proof of Identity Requirements\) Regulation 2019](#) (2019-570) — published LW 29 November 2019

Bills assented to

Electoral Funding Amendment (Cash Donations) Act 2019
No 22 — Assented to 26 November 2019

Gambling Legislation Amendment (Online and Other
Betting) Act 2019 No 24 — Assented to 26 November 2019

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

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6(c) Debt recovery

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