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PUBLIC SECTOR NEWSLETTER - NEW SOUTH WALES

Welcome to Issue 99 of the NSW Public Sector Newsletter.

This week the Australian Government announced in a joint media release from the Prime Minister and the Federal Attorney-General the appointment of the Honourable Justice Steward and the Honourable Justice Jacqueline Gleeson as Justices of the High Court of Australia. Justices Steward and Gleeson will respectively fill vacancies that will arise upon the retirements of the Honourable Justice Nettle AC on 30 November 2020 and the Honourable Justice Bell AC on 28 February 2021.

COVID-19 USEFUL LINKS

[Australian Government latest COVID-19 news, updates and advice](#)

[Businesses and employment updates](#)

[Latest NSW Health Updates](#)

[NSW Government COVID-19 website](#)

[Self isolation and mandatory quarantine](#)

[Supreme Court COVID-19 Protocol - Court Operations](#)

[Travel and transport advice](#)

IN THE MEDIA

Agencies join UN bribery network

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Attorney-General's Department have joined with some of the nation's biggest companies to help businesses prevent, detect and address bribery and corruption. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/bribery-prevention-network-launches-australia-protect-business-community>

Legislative reforms to provide greater privacy protections for participants in Disability Royal Commission

The Morrison Government is taking further measures to ensure that people with disability and their supporters will be able to recount their experiences and fully participate in the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation of People with Disability. [https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/legislative-reforms-provide-greater-privacy-](https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/legislative-reforms-provide-greater-privacy-protections-participants-disability-royal-commission-20-october-2020)

[protections-participants-disability-royal-commission-20-october-2020](#)

Law Council President, Pauline Wright, support to Bernard Collaery

The Law Council considers the National Security Information (Criminal and Civil Proceedings) Act 2004 (Cth) currently tilts the balance too far in favour of the interests of protecting broadly-defined national security at the expense of the rights of the accused. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-statements/law-council-president-pauline-wright-support-to-bernard-collaery>

OAIC: Protecting and promoting privacy and information access rights in sharp focus in 2019–20

The COVID-19 pandemic has focused attention on privacy and created opportunities for greater transparency through the proactive release of government information, according to the OAIC's 2019–20 annual report. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/protecting-and-promoting-privacy-and-information-access-rights-in-sharp-focus-in-2019-20/>

Public interest journalism deserves legislative protection

The Law Council of Australia believes today's announcement that the AFP will not prosecute ABC journalist Dan Oakes for reporting on serious allegations of wrongdoing by Australian special forces in Afghanistan, highlights the need for urgent law reform to protect public interest journalism. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/public-interest-journalism-deserves-legislative-protection>

NSW

Consultation extended on draft gaming machine harm minimisation laws

Consultation on the NSW Government's proposed gaming machine harm minimisation laws has been extended to 11 December 2020 to allow more time for submissions. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/consultation-extended-on-draft-gaming-machine-harm-minimisation-laws>

Alarm bells over proposed new ICAC funding model

The ICAC Commissioner has warned that a NSW Auditor-General's recommendation for Treasury and DPC to implement a new funding model for the state's key integrity bodies could fall foul of the law. Chief Commissioner Peter Hall QC says the report correctly identifies that the current funding model doesn't recognise the independence of the ICAC. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/oct/20/icacs-independence-threatened-under-nsw-funding-model>

Court reforms to protect and empower domestic violence victims

Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Mark Speakman said the reforms would allow complainants in domestic violence criminal proceedings to give evidence in closed courts or remotely via audio-visual link, while jurors will be educated on the complexities of abuse. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/court-reforms-to-protect-and-empower-domestic-violence-victims>

New law to help protect pets from domestic violence perpetrators

Domestic violence victim-survivors and their companion animals will have greater protections under proposed Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) reforms. The Government's Bill, to be introduced in NSW Parliament this week, will amend the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/new-law-to-help-protect-pets-from-domestic-violence-perpetrators>

Joint trial presumption to deliver justice

Another significant reform in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be introduced into the NSW Parliament today, which would facilitate more joint trials, allowing multiple victims of the same perpetrator to give evidence at the one trial. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/joint-trial-presumption-to-deliver-justice>

More court protections for 'revenge porn' victims

Victims of intimate image abuse will have the same court protections as other sexual assault complainants while judicial officers will have greater powers to order images and recordings be destroyed, under legislation to be introduced in NSW Parliament today. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/more-court-protections-for-revenge-porn-victims>

Coercive control reform

Domestic violence victim-survivors, frontline services, legal experts, law enforcement, academics and the community will soon have the opportunity to share their views on whether to criminalise coercive control in NSW. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/coercive-control-reform>. To read the full Discussion Paper, visit: <http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/domesticviolence/Pages/coercive-control-discussion-paper.aspx>.

IN PRACTICE AND COURTS

[Un-redacted Royal Commission reports released](#)

Two un-redacted reports and a third previously unreleased report from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have been made public.

[AAT Annual Report 2019/20](#)

20 October 2020: Our Annual Report 2019–20 is now available.

[AAT Bulletin](#)

The AAT Bulletin is a weekly publication containing a list of recent AAT decisions and information relating to appeals against AAT decisions.

[Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#)

[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 \[Provisions\]](#)

Report by 20 November 2020. The amendments delegate additional powers to Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Family Court of Australia (known respectively in practice as 'Senior Registrars' and 'Registrars') and Registrars of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

[Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee](#)

[Nationhood, national identity and democracy](#). On 31 August 2020 the committee's reporting date was extended to 8 December 2020.

[Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Consultations](#)

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Banning Dirty Donations\) Bill 2020](#)

The closing date for submissions is 6 November 2020.

[Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment \(Implementing Independent Intelligence Review\) Bill 2020](#)

On 6 October 2020 the Senate extended the committee's reporting date to 9 December 2020.

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Donation Reform and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)

Senate extended the committee's reporting date to 3 December 2020

[Consultation on Financial Products and the Personal Property Securities Act 2009](#)

The Attorney-General's Department has released its [consultation paper](#) on the Personal Properties Securities Act 2009 and Financial Products. This consultation process will inform the Attorney-General's policy considerations and help ensure the law regarding financial property and intermediated securities is clear and fit for purpose in the PPS Act.

[Law Council Update](#)

The Law Council produces a fortnightly newsletter which highlights the Law Council's important activities and advocacy, along with any relevant media and events stakeholders would be interested in.

NSW**[COVID-19: Information for Attending Court - 23 October](#)**

The New South Wales Bar Association's consolidated guide to COVID-19-related court arrangements has again been updated in terms of recent developments.

NSW Land and Environment Court**New Criminal Filings Email Address**

The Court has a new dedicated email address for criminal proceedings: LEC_criminalfilings@justice.nsw.gov.au.

[icare and workers' compensation independent review](#)

The NSW Government has opened consultation to inform the Independent Review of icare, the workers compensation scheme and the five-year statutory review of the State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015.

[NSW 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 in relation to ICAC investigations.

Extension of charge certification period - Practice and procedure

In response to a request from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the chief magistrate, Judge Graeme Henson AM, has extended the charge certification period from six to eight weeks, commencing 16 November 2020 until the end of the 2020 Law Term.

JUDCOM: Decisions reserved

The Court of Appeal maintains a list of matters before the Court for which judgment is reserved. The list is updated weekly. View the latest publication here: [Decisions Reserved as at 2 October 2020](#)

PUBLISHED - ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS**Australian Bureau of Statistics**

23/10/2020 [Assessing admin data quality to enhance the Census](#), 2020 (cat no. 2300.0)

19/10/2020 [Australian Statistics Advisory Council - Annual Report, 2019-20](#) (cat no. 1002.0)

12/10/2020 [Public Consultation Census Supporter Resources](#), Oct 2020 (cat no. 1650.0)

The [report](#), released this week, focussed on funding for the ICAC, the NSW electoral Commission, the NSW Ombudsman and the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, as well as the role played by NSW Treasury and the Department of Premier and Cabinet in making funding decisions.

[Policy making in a digital world](#)

Lewis Lloyd; Institute for Government: 23 October 2020
Drawing on interviews with policy experts and digital specialists inside and outside government, the report

argues that better use of data and new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, would improve policy makers' understanding of problems like coronavirus and climate change, and aid collaboration with colleagues.

[Energy Security Board data strategy: consultation paper](#)

Energy Security Board (ESB); COAG Energy Council: 20 October 2020

The Energy Security Board is attempting to drive reforms to increase transparency across the energy sector and even the playing field between energy companies and consumers. This consultation paper outlines ways to close energy sector data gaps through improved access, protection, sharing, integration,

[Tech-xit: can Australia survive without Google and Facebook?](#)

Jordan Guiao; Centre for Responsible Technology: 19 October 2020

In the wake of threats by Google and Facebook to scale back or close services in Australia should the federal government proceed with plans to charge them for news content, this report identifies serious risks to Australian businesses, government services and consumers.

[Audit Quality Report 2019–20](#)

ANAO: 19 October 2020

The report provides transparency in respect of the processes, policies, and procedures that support each element of the ANAO Quality Assurance Framework, and reports audit quality indicators measuring ANAO performance against target benchmarks.

[Australian homelessness monitor 2020](#)

Launch Housing: 19 October 2020

The Australian Homelessness Monitor examines the changes in the scale and nature of homelessness in Australia, as well as how social, economic and policy drivers influence these changes. Recent research shows that the national homelessness rate is set to surge, as short-term coronavirus and housing.

[Criminalising coercive control in the context of domestic and family violence: key sources](#)

Lenny Roth; Parliamentary Research Service (NSW): 16 October 2020

In recent years, several countries have introduced new offences to criminalise coercive control in the context of domestic and family violence. This paper provides a brief overview and a list of key sources that discuss the issue of criminalising coercive control.

[Young people under youth justice supervision and in child protection 2018–19](#)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: 15 October 2020

This report presents information on young people under youth justice supervision during 2018–19 who had received child protection services in the 5 years from 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2019.

[2019–20 annual report from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#)

OAIC: 15 October 2020

The OAIC has continued to deliver on its purpose to uphold and promote privacy and information access rights throughout the pandemic. The OAIC's annual report also highlights its success in addressing a backlog of privacy cases created by sustained increases in complaints over recent years.

[Coercive control: discussion paper](#)

Department of Communities and Justice (NSW); Government of New South Wales: 13 October 2020
The Department of Communities and Justice (NSW) has released this discussion paper on coercive and controlling behaviour in the context of domestic and family violence in NSW.

[Commonwealth Ombudsman's activities in monitoring controlled operations: 2018-19](#)

Ombudsman: 13 October 2020

This report presents the results of the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman's (the Office) inspections of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI), the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) under Part IAB of the Crimes Act 1914 (Part IAB), between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

[Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag: report](#)

Senate Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag; Parliament of Australia: 13 October 2020

The Senate Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag was established in September 2020 to inquire into and report on current and former copyright and licensing arrangements for the Aboriginal flag design. This report outlines the Committee's recommendations. Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag: report

[An evaluation of the Suspect Target Management Plan](#)

Steve Yeong; BOSCAR: 13 October 2020
Crime and Justice Bulletin No. 233
Evaluation reports; Policing; Recidivism / Re-offending; Domestic violence
Both STMP-II and DV-STMP are effective in reducing crime

CASES

[R v Kinghorn \(No 7\) \[2020\] NSWSC 1483](#)

CRIME — Federal offences — Offences of dishonesty — Separate question — Compulsory examination of accused — Where accused was compulsorily examined by taxation officers pursuant to statutory powers compelling answers whether incriminatory or not before charges laid.

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION — Legal presumptions — Presumption against alteration of fundamental common law rights — Right to criminal trial in accordance with accusatorial principle and companion rule — Whether statutory scheme expressly or by necessary implication authorised dissemination and use

of transcript — Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cth) — Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) — Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) s 135.1(7)

[Dagher v IAG Limited t/as NRMA Insurance \[2020\] NSWSC 1467](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW — Judicial review — State Insurance Regulatory Authority — Jurisdictional error — Review of a certificate of a review panel — Failure to afford procedural fairness — Where the review panel furnished and relied upon an expert report without notice to the parties.

[Storey v Commissioner of the New South Wales Police Force \(No 2\) \[2020\] NSWSC 1429](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW — Judicial review of administrative decisions — Review of decision of Commissioner of Police — Removal order under s 181D of the Police Act 1900 (NSW) — Whether s 213 of the Police Act 1900 (NSW) precluded making of removal order — Whether error of law on the face of the record or jurisdictional error— No error established
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW — Judicial review of administrative decisions — Review of decision of Industrial Relations Commission — Rejection by IRC of review application in relation to removal order under s 181D of the Police Act 1900 (NSW) — Review of refusal of leave to appeal from IRC decision by Full Bench — Whether police officer acting in the course of his duties when engaging in the conduct that led to his removal — Whether jurisdictional error by IRC or Full Bench — No jurisdictional error established.

[Commissioner of Police v Thomson \[2020\] NSWSC 1424](#)

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY — Summary Offences Act 1988 (NSW) — Whether order pursuant to s 25(1) should be made prohibiting the holding of a public assembly — Balancing exercise between competing public interests
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW — Judiciary Act 1903 (Cth) — Notice of constitutional matter — Severance of matters.

[Bolstad v Psychology Council of New South Wales \(No 2\) \[2020\] NSWSC 1417](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW — natural justice — urgent need for orders to protect public — permanent orders affect burden of proof — need to preserve right of plaintiff to prepare and present material while still protecting the public.

[Bolstad v Psychology Council of New South Wales \[2020\] NSWSC 1416](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW — natural justice — urgent need for orders to protect public — permanent orders affect burden of proof — need to preserve right of plaintiff to prepare and present material while still protecting the public.

[Fraser v Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW \[2020\] NSWIRComm 1072](#)

PUBLIC SECTOR DISCIPLINARY APPEAL — demotion from Deputy Manager, ComSafe Training Services, Operational Support Level 3 to Senior Firefighter —

settlement reached – Deed of Release – demotion altered to Assistant Equipment Management Officer role, Operational Support Level 2 – appellant initially placed in Technical Officer role, Operational Support Level 2 – whether respondent had repudiated the Deed – whether the Deed constitutes a bar to the appellant pursuing his disciplinary appeal.

[Feldman v Nationwide News Pty Ltd \[2020\] NSWCA 260](#)

COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY – Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Where transcript and video of appellant’s evidence to Royal Commission admitted in aid of a defence to an action for defamation – Whether s 6DD of the Royal Commissions Act 1902 (Cth) prevents admission of such evidence – Whether s 6DD only precludes admission of evidence given in a Royal Commission in order to establish civil or criminal liability of person who gave such evidence COURTS AND JUDGES – Apprehended bias – Application for recusal – where primary judge said to have raised voice towards counsel – where judge apologised for raising voice – whether outcome of hearing could bear on allegation of apprehended bias DEFAMATION – Defamatory matter – Capacity to convey pleaded imputations – whether imputations carried to the ordinary reasonable reader DEFAMATION – Defences – Fair report – Matter of public interest – Royal Commissions – whether publications were substantially accurate DEFAMATION – Defences – Justification – Truth EVIDENCE – Documentary evidence – Royal Commissions – Where transcript and video of appellant’s evidence to Royal Commission admitted in aid of a defence to an action for defamation – Whether s 6DD of the Royal Commissions Act 1902 (Cth) prevents admission of such evidence – Whether s 6DD only precludes admission of evidence given in a Royal Commission in order to establish civil or criminal liability of person who gave such evidence

[Transport for NSW v East Coast Wharf Constructions Pty Ltd; Transport for NSW v King \[2020\] NSWLEC 112](#)

PROSECUTION - prosecutions commenced by three Summonses against each of a corporate and an individual defendant - individual Defendant prosecuted under special executive liability provision of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 for the offending conduct of the corporate Defendant - "not guilty" pleas entered by each Defendant to each charge - Prosecutor agrees not to pursue Summons alleging Tier 1 offence by each Defendant - each Defendant then pleads guilty to the two remaining Tier 2 charges laid against that Defendant - sentencing hearing held PENALTIES - corporate Defendant to be convicted - guilty plea entered to two remaining charges - need to provide for both specific and general deterrence - indicative starting sentences of \$40,000 and \$90,000 - plea of guilty not entered at earliest opportunity but of more than minor utilitarian value - discount of 10% on starting penalties - impact of imposition of order for payment of Prosecutor’s costs - consideration of totality and accumulation of penalties - total fine of \$105,000 imposed PENALTIES - individual Defendant to be convicted - guilty plea

entered to two remaining charges - need to provide for both specific and general deterrence - indicative starting sentence of \$12,000 and \$27,000 - discount of 10% for the guilty pleas - impact of imposition of order for payment of Prosecutor’s costs - consideration of totality and accumulation of penalties - total fines of \$28,000 imposed PUBLICATION ORDER - Prosecutor seeks publication order - Prosecutor proposes publication in Afloat Magazine, Daily Telegraph and the Manly Daily publications - Defendants resist the making of any publication order - appropriate to make a publication order - notice to be published ordered in Plain English terms, terms differing from those sought by the Prosecutor - appropriate to order publication of notice in Afloat Magazine, and the Manly Daily but not in the Daily Telegraph - method of specification of effecting publication in newspaper now only published online - publication order expressly created by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as being in addition to, and not in substitution for, any element of the appropriate penalty to be imposed on each Defendant - not appropriate to reduce the penalty imposed on each Defendant as a consequence of making a publication order.

[Choi v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force \[2020\] NSWCATAP 211](#)

APPEAL – administrative law – freedom of information STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) meaning of s 4 (definition of ‘government information’) – meaning of 75(1), meaning of s 112, meaning of s 53(1).

[Forbidden Foods Pty Ltd v Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales \(No 3\) \[2020\] NSWCATAD 257](#)

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION – access application – public interest considerations in favour of disclosure – public interest considerations against disclosure – personal factors of the application – whether overriding public interest against disclosure Forbidden Foods Pty Ltd v Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales (No 3) [2020] NSWCATAD 257

[Gabriel’s Family Day Care Pty Ltd v Secretary, Department of Education \(No 2\) \[2020\] NSWCATAD 249](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW- Education and Care Services National Law – review of decision to cancel provider approval - Objects and Principles of National Law – Children – Childcare Services – Administrative review jurisdiction – correct and preferable decision - whether the Tribunal should uphold the decision or substitute decision. Gabriel’s Family Day Care Pty Ltd v Secretary, Department of Education (No 2) [2020] NSWCATAD 249

[Public Service Association of NSW v Insurance and Care NSW \[2020\] NSWCATAD 228](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – public access to government information – Whether prejudice to the supply of confidential information – Whether prejudice to the effective exercise of an agency’s functions – Whether disclosure would reveal a deliberation, consultation, opinion or advice – Whether prejudice an investigation – Personal information – balancing public interest considerations

LEGISLATION**Commonwealth****Bills**[**Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(Financial Transparency\) Bill 2020 \[No. 2\]**](#)

Second reading moved 19 October 2020
Amends the: Aged Care Act 1997 to require residential aged care providers to disclose their income, costs of food and medication, staff and staff training, accommodation, administration and monies paid to parent bodies in annual financial transparency reports to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner; and Corporations Act 2001 to ensure residential aged care providers include detailed financial information in annual financial statements.

[**Services Australia Governance Amendment Bill 2020**](#)

HR Third reading agreed to 20 October 2020
Amends: 17 Acts to make consequential amendments as a result of the establishment of Services Australia as an executive agency under the Public Service Act 1999 on 1 February 2020; and the Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988, Human Services (Centrelink) Act 1997 and Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973 to make governance changes in relation to Services Australia.

[**Family Law Amendment \(Risk Screening Protections\) Bill 2020**](#)

House of Representatives Introduced and read a first time 19 October 2020
Amends the Family Law Act 1975 to provide that: family risk screening information is confidential and cannot be disclosed except in limited circumstances; family safety risk information is inadmissible in court, except in limited circumstances; and court workers (such as registrars and family counsellors) have immunity when involved in family risk screening procedures.

NSW**Proclamations commencing Acts**

[**Police Amendment \(Promotions\) Act 2020 No 23**](#)
(2020-609) – published LW 14 October 2020

Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[**Electronic Transactions \(ECM Courts\) Amendment \(NCAT\) Order 2020**](#) (2020-622) – published LW 22 October 2020

[**Local Government \(General\) Amendment \(Minimum Rates\) Regulation 2020**](#) (2020-624) – published LW 23 October 2020

[**Retail and Other Commercial Leases \(COVID-19\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020**](#) (2020-633) – published LW 23 October 2020

[**Administrative Arrangements \(Administration of Acts—Amendment No 6\) Order 2020**](#) (2020-614) – published LW 16 October 2020

[**Administrative Arrangements \(Administrative Changes—Transfer of Staff to Western City and Aerotropolis Authority Staff Agency\) Order 2020**](#) (2020-613) – published LW 16 October 2020

[**Liquor Amendment \(COVID-19 and Managed Alcohol Program\) Regulation 2020**](#) (2020-610) – published LW 14 October 2020

Non-Government – 16 October

[**Local Government Amendment \(Pecuniary Interests Disclosures\) Bill 2020**](#)

Bills revised following amendment in Committee – 16 October

[**Statute Law \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Bill 2020**](#)

Bills introduced – 23 October**Government**

[**Drug Supply Prohibition Order Pilot Scheme Bill 2020**](#)

[**Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2020**](#)

Non-Government

[**NSW Jobs First Bill 2020**](#)

Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament – 23 October

[**Statute Law \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Bill 2020**](#)

[**Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous\) Bill 2020**](#)

Amendments relating to criminal and sentencing procedures

[**Work Health and Safety Amendment \(Information Exchange\) Bill 2020**](#)

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 | 6(b) General litigation and dispute resolution |
| 4(a) Employment and industrial relations law | 6(c) Debt recovery |

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