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## PUBLIC SECTOR NEWSLETTER - NEW SOUTH WALES

Welcome to Issue 101 of the NSW Public Sector Newsletter.

The NSW Government is creating a swifter and more convenient justice system, investing more than \$150 million in upgrades and maintenance to courts and other justice infrastructure.

In other news, a new Federal agency is to be established to coordinate the Commonwealth's role in future natural disasters and human rights groups have welcomed the release of the IGADF Inquiry into the activities of Australian special forces in Afghanistan.

### 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

**HRLC: Afghan and Australian human rights groups welcome release of the Brereton Afghanistan Inquiry Report**

Afghan and Australian human rights organisations have welcomed the release of the report of the IGADF Inquiry, into alleged war crimes by Australian special forces in Afghanistan and have called on the Australian Government to now move swiftly to implement its recommendations and establish a proper redress mechanism for victims. <https://www.hrlc.org.au/news/2020/11/20/afghan-aus-human-rights-brereton-afghanistan-inquiry>

LCA response

[Law Council President, Pauline Wright, response to reports of war crimes by members of the ADF](#)

### Senate inquiry endorses Family Court reform Bills

The Morrison Government has welcomed the findings of a 12-month Senate inquiry, which recommended that legislation designed to fix the broken structure of the family court system be passed by Parliament. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/senate-inquiry-endorses-family-court-reform-bills-20-november-2020>

### Put families over politics, abandon flawed family court merger

A report by Government Senators into the Attorney-General's flawed merger bill regrettably fails to prioritise the wellbeing of families and children, ignores credible expert input, and instead doubles down in promulgating the government's proposed merger, according to the Law Council of Australia. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/put-families-over-politics-abandon-flawed-family-court-merger>

### Aged care performance data must be made public

Consumers need easy access to data about the performance of individual aged care facilities so that they can make informed decisions, says the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA). <https://www.lawyersalliance.com.au/news/aged-care-performance-data-must-be-made-public>

### ASIO warns on social media spies

A new security campaign designed by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) has been launched to raise awareness of the threat of malicious social media users, with the campaign Think Before You Link. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-11-17/asio-warns-foreign-spies-grooming-australians-on-social-media/12889228>

### Ombudsman explains AFP finding

The Ombudsman, Michael Manthorpe said the investigation did not evaluate or judge the actions of Mr Taylor or his office, nor those of NSW Police, as their actions are outside the Ombudsman's jurisdiction. The investigation had now been finalised and his office had

concluded that it was a lawful exercise of discretion on the part of the AFP to cease its investigation.

[Commonwealth Ombudsman statement on his investigation into the Australian Federal Police's \(AFP\) handling of the NSW Police referral of information relating to the Hon Angus Taylor MP.](#)

The statement about the investigation can be found on the [website](#).

### **Let's talk about a federal Human Rights Act**

The Law Council of Australia believes that now is the time to reignite the conversation and calls on the Australian Government to implement a federal Human Rights Act, launching the Law Council's policy position, that many Australians would not know that their human rights are not protected by the Constitution or legislation. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/lets-talk-about-a-federal-human-rights-act>

### **Appointments to the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court**

The Attorney-General congratulates Judge Altobelli and Ms Beckhouse on their appointments and thanks them for their willingness to serve the people of Australia as judges of the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court respectively. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/appointments-family-court-australia-and-federal-circuit-court-13-November-2020>

### **Government should implement Renwick's recommendations**

The Law Council of Australia has made 21 recommendations to the government's proposal to establish a new type of 'post-sentence order' in Division 105A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth), aimed at managing future risk presented by a person who has completed a sentence of imprisonment for a terrorism or security offence. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/government-should-implement-renwicks-recommendations>

### **Reforms to National Natural Disaster Arrangements**

The Australian Government announced major reforms as part of our response to the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. Introduced legislation will give the Australian Government the power to declare a national emergency to help mobilise Commonwealth resources and help tackle the challenges states and local communities may face. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/reforms-national-natural-disaster-arrangements>

### **NSW**

#### **[Mandatory disease testing for those who attack frontline workers passes lower house](#)**

Police and other frontline workers are one step closer to being better protected and supported from the risks of the job after the Legislative Assembly passed the Mandatory Disease Testing Bill 2020.

#### **[Domestic violence reforms pass Parliament](#)**

Domestic violence victim-survivors will have greater safeguards in court while every Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) will contain a new protection against animal abuse after the NSW Government's domestic violence Bill passed Parliament this week.

#### **[Sexual consent law reform](#)**

The NSW Law Reform Commission report Consent in relation to sexual offences was tabled in Parliament. Sexual offences in our community are significantly under-reported to police. The conviction rate for those offences that do make it to court in NSW is also low in comparison with other offences. The Government will carefully consider the report's 44 recommendations and intends to respond next year.

#### **[Domestic violence defendants to be banned from cross-examining complainants in court](#)**

Complainants would no longer be personally cross-examined by self-represented defendants in domestic violence criminal proceedings and related Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) hearings under a NSW Government amendment moved in Parliament to ban the practice.

#### **[Building and tech to aid recovery and justice](#)**

The NSW Government is creating a swifter and more convenient justice system, investing more than \$150 million in upgrades and maintenance to courts and other justice infrastructure as part of the 2020-21 NSW Budget, designed to turbocharge the State's system into the digital age.

#### **[Putting more power into the hands of retirees](#)**

NSW retirement village residents will be protected by new laws that increase safeguards around the sale of their property and provide early access to their financial entitlements to meet the cost of moving into aged care.

#### **[Recognising pregnancies lost to criminal acts](#)**

The NSW Government is seeking community views on a suite of reforms to improve recognition of the loss of an unborn child as a result of a third party criminal act.

#### **[Privacy Commissioner Statement on the Service NSW cyber incident](#)**

The Privacy Commissioner has received further updates from the Department of Customer Service regarding the data breach resulting from a cyber incident earlier this year and the actions being taken by Service NSW to notify and support customers affected by the breach.

### **IN PRACTICE AND COURTS**

#### **The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia - Lighthouse Project update**

The Family Law Amendment (Risk Screening Protections) Bill 2020 was passed by the Australian Parliament on 9 November 2020. This legislation provides an important framework and enables the Courts to progress the very important new family-

violence and risk screening initiative, the Lighthouse Project. For enquiries please email the Courts at: [LighthouseProject@familycourt.gov.au](mailto:LighthouseProject@familycourt.gov.au). More information about the project is [here](#). Details of the Bill are available from the website of Parliament House [here](#).

### **New Family Court and FCC form for child abuse, family violence or risk**

A new form aims to harmonise risk notification in both the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court.

The Family Court and Federal Circuit Court will implement a new form – Notice of Child Abuse, Family Violence or Risk – on 31 October. The form will be available from the [Family Court of Australia](#) and [Federal Circuit Court of Australia](#) from 31 October.

### **[AAT: Visiting the AAT during COVID-19](#)**

If you need to come to any of our offices, please call ahead on 1800 228 333 to plan your visit. Visit [australia.gov.au](http://australia.gov.au) for essential COVID-19 information, including government measures and links to State and Territory health advice.

### **[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

### **[Consultation on proposed new conduct rule](#)**

The Law Council of Australia has released a consultation paper proposing that a new rule 11A be added to the Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules. The proposed rule clarifies how existing ethical principles relating to conflicts of interest may be applied when providing short-term legal assistance services. The consultation closes on 7 December 2020. R

### **LCA Submissions**

06 November 2020 – Business Law Section

[Permanent reforms – virtual meetings and electronic document execution](#)

05 November 2020 – Law Council

[Model Operating Requirements and Model Participation Rules: Consultation Drafts Versions 6.1](#)

### **[OAIC Consultation: Requirements to collect personal information for contact tracing purposes](#)**

The OAIC and state and territory privacy regulators have produced the following draft guidelines to support a nationally consistent approach to requirements for businesses and venues to collect contact information. The closing date for comments is 4 December 2020.

### **Australian Copyright Council**

[State of Escape Accessories Pty Limited v Schwartz \[2020\] FCA 1606](#)

Posted on 11/11/2020

### **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](#)

[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

### **NSW**

### **Extension of strata and community lands COVID-19 Regulations**

Regulations were published on 12 November 2020 which extend the COVID-19 measures as previously provided for strata and community lands to 13 May 2021. The measures include alternative means of holding meetings and execution of documents by an owners corporation or community association. See [Community Land Management Amendment \(COVID-19\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020](#) and [Strata Schemes Management Amendment \(COVID-19\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020](#).

### **[Cybercrime alert](#)**

Since the last alert, the Trust Accounts department has been inundated with notifications from various law practices stating they have become aware there are emails that appear to have been sent by them to other law practices/clients asking the other law practices/clients to open an attached document or to click onto a link. They did not send the emails and only became aware when one of the law practices/clients advised them of the emails.

### **[DCJ NSW: Review of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act](#)**

The Act established the statutory office of the Advocate for Children and Young People and a new Youth Advisory Council to represent the needs and interests of children and young people in NSW. The review will determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing these objectives.

**NSW legal identity document - available 16 November**

The NSW Government has introduced a new birth certificate that may be used as a legal identity document for people adopted in NSW. Both an IBC and a post-adoptive birth certificate will automatically be issued where a person is adopted, and the adoption is registered in NSW from 16 November. You can find more information about the IBC in the [Fact Sheet](#) or at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/adoption](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/adoption) or [www.nsw.gov.au/births-deaths-marriages](http://www.nsw.gov.au/births-deaths-marriages)

Note: A sample IBC is [available here](#). It is equally important that lawyers and others using the IBC as an identity document understand that the IBC does not change the legal effect of adoption

**COVID-19: Information for Attending Court - 20 November 2020**

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

The New South Wales Bar Association's [consolidated guide](#) to COVID-19-related court arrangements has today again been updated in terms of recent developments, and includes [e-bulletin No 110](#) -... from the Workers Compensation Commission.

**[Court of Appeal's Decisions of Interest bulletin](#)**

The Decisions of Interest bulletin is a regular publication produced by the Court of Appeal, summarising appellate decisions from Australia and internationally.

**[Decisions before the High Court](#)**

The Court of Appeal maintains a list of decisions of the New South Wales Court of Appeal or Court of Criminal Appeal appealed to the High Court.

**Legal Aid NSW DX account decommissioned effective from 30 November 2020**

Legal Aid NSW has advised that it is changing its mail service provider from the DX to Australia Post. This change will be effective from 30 November 2020. To ensure no documents are lost Legal Aid NSW encourages members to communicate with them via email using Legal Aid NSW office mailing addresses which are available on the Legal Aid NSW website [here](#).

**Extension of the Retail and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) measures**

The [Retail and Other Commercial Leases \(COVID-19\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020](#) commenced on 24 October 2020, and extended with some amendments, the prohibitions and requirements in relation to the exercise of certain rights of lessors during the COVID-19 pandemic period, until the end of 31 December 2020.

**[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.

**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.

**[Reminder: 2020 Professional Standards Scheme commences](#)**

The fourth New South Wales Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme will remain in effect until 30 June 2025.

**PUBLISHED - ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS****[PC Productivity Insights No. 3 2020](#)**

Productivity Commission 2020: 19 November 2020  
This is the Productivity Commission's third Productivity Insights paper of 2020.

**CASES****[Stonehealth Pty Ltd v ZAA Ventures Pty Ltd as Trustee for the ZAA Investment Trust \[2020\] FCAFC 188](#)**

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – appeal from decision of primary judge dismissing application for judicial review of decision of Australian Community Pharmacy Authority – decision to recommend that application for new pharmacy not be approved – meaning of “supermarket” under National Health (Australian Community Pharmacy Authority Rules) Determination 2018 (Cth) – whether primary judge erred in construing meaning of “supermarket” – appeal allowed. Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth) s 15AA; Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 (Cth) s 5.

**[ACN 154 520 199 Pty Ltd \(in liquidation\) v Commissioner of Taxation \[2020\] FCAFC 190](#)**

TAXATION – goods and services tax – precious metal – creditable acquisitions – creditable purpose –

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – procedural fairness – where the Tribunal made adverse knowledge findings on the basis of two emails and the transcript of a compulsory examination that had not been the subject of any cross-examination or any submissions by the parties – whether the Tribunal denied the taxpayer procedural fairness – whether any denial of procedural fairness was material.

TAXATION – goods and services tax – anti-avoidance provisions – where the Tribunal found (in the alternative to its conclusion regarding construction) that the anti-avoidance provisions applied – whether the Tribunal erred in its approach to the anti-avoidance provisions, in particular the issues of dominant purpose and principal effect.

Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth), s 15AA; Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975 (Cth), ss 33, 44

[Commissioner of Taxation v Yeo as Liquidator of Ready Kit Cabinets Pty Ltd \(in liq\) \[2020\] FCAFC 199](#)

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – meaning of “by, or under the authority of the administrator” – issue of relevant source of authority for the acts done to give effect to the making of payments – text, context and purpose – extrinsic material – appeal dismissed. Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) s 435A, 445F, 451C, 588FE(2B), 588FE(2B)(d), 588FE(2B)(d)(i), 588FG; Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Act 2007 (Cth); Explanatory Memorandum to the Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 (Cth).

[Wright v Apthorpe \[2020\] NSWCA 300](#)

COSTS – Party/Party – General rule that costs follow the event – Discretion – No presumption or default rule as to the basis of the award of costs STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – r 42.2 of Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW) – whether s 98(1) of Civil Procedure Act 2005 (NSW) confines the judicial discretion in awarding costs – whether a judge must take as a starting point that costs are to be assessed on the ordinary basis and justify any departure from that position.

[Quach v New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal \[2020\] NSWCA 295](#)

CIVIL PROCEDURE – parties – vexatious litigants – fourth application to set aside vexatious proceedings order – application dismissed CONTEMPT – allegation of contempt of court – whether enforcement of costs order in breach of undertaking given to the Court – no leave sought to bring proceedings – Vexatious Proceedings Act 2008 (NSW) s 14 – application dismissed CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – Judiciary Act 1903 (Cth) s 78B – whether proceedings involve a matter arising under the Constitution or involving its interpretation – where mere assertion of invalidity of Vexatious Proceedings Act 2008 (NSW) by reason of s 109 of the Constitution – whether frivolous or unarguable contention – no obligation to stay proceedings until s 78B notices given.

[Attorney-General of NSW v George \[2020\] NSWSC 1621](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Whether reviewable error of law – Jurisdictional error – whether the defendant’s circumstances constituted ‘manifest injustice’ - whether the State Parole Authority sufficiently considered mandatory considerations ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Procedural Fairness – whether the Commissioner was afforded the opportunity to provide adequate submissions to the State Parole Authority.

[Hutchison v Wyong Race Club Limited and Ors \[2020\] NSWSC 1592](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – judicial review – injuries sustained by plaintiff in workplace accident in 2011 – claim under Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 – challenge to decisions of Approved Medical Specialist and Appeal Panel – Approved Medical Specialist finds no causal link between 2011 workplace accident and any injury to plaintiff’s right shoulder – decision confirmed by Appeal

Panel – claim of denial of procedural fairness and of legal unreasonableness in decision-making – held no denial of procedural fairness – legal unreasonableness not demonstrated – plaintiff’s claim for relief not established – Amended Summons dismissed.

[Aaren Pty Ltd trading as Price Beat Travel v Arya \(No. 2\) \[2020\] NSWDC 705](#)

COSTS – defamation suit – verdict and judgment for defendant – application by defendant for indemnity costs – application of s 40(2) of the Defamation Act 2005 (NSW) – whether successful defendant’s offer to settle was unreasonable – whether unsuccessful plaintiff’s rejection of offer to settle was unreasonable – time from which costs to be awarded on an indemnity basis – consideration of ‘interests of justice’ STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – ss 40(2) and 40(3) of Defamation Act 2005 (NSW) – whether provisions may be construed distributively to deal with different types of settlement offers – whether words may be read down.

[Vinciguerra v Commissioner of Police \[2020\] NSWCATAD 284](#)

GIPA Act – Government Information – Access – Reasonable Search.

[Burns v Folau \[2020\] NSWCATAD 287](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – Tribunals, commissions and other authorities – NCAT – whether leave required for complaint to proceed – principles applying to grant of leave HUMAN RIGHTS – Legislation – Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) – homosexual vilification WORDS AND PHRASES – meaning of “vexatious” in s 92 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) Burns v Folau [2020] NSWCATAD 287.

[Samandi v NSW Department of Communities and Justice \[2020\] NSWCATAD 286](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Government Information (Public Access) Act – GIPA – Reasonable searches for information – lack of onus on any specific party – whether document held.

[Foundations Care Ltd v Children’s Guardian \(No. 2\) \[2020\] NSWCATAD 258](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW – Child Protection – Application by applicant for non-publication of applicant’s name and identifying material – Application by respondent for redaction of material identifying children – Application by respondent for an order permitting publication generally of information to which s 65(2) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 applies – Whether Tribunal’s power to provide consent to publication of names extends to power to permit any person to publish certain names.

[Palm Beach Protection Group Incorporated v Northern Beaches Council \[2020\] NSWLEC 156](#)

JUDICIAL REVIEW – council decisions to conduct dog off-leash area trial and to allow dogs on-leash at beach – threatened seagrass population and threatened seahorse species and their habitats – application of Part 4 of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

1979 (EPA Act) – whether decisions authorise use of land – purpose of use of land – whether for recreation area – whether development consent required – whether development for purposes of recreation area on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council – whether continuance of a use of land for a lawful purpose – whether enlargement, expansion or intensification of use – whether use abandoned – whether use unlawfully commenced – development consent not required for use – no breach of Part 4 of EPA Act JUDICIAL REVIEW – council decisions to conduct dog off-leash area trial and to allow dogs on-leash at beach – threatened seagrass population and threatened seahorse species and their habitats – application of Part 5 of EPA Act – whether council decisions approve an activity – duty to examine and take into account environmental impact of activity – whether council breached duty in approving dog on-leash activity – duty to obtain, examine and consider EIS for activity likely to significantly affect environment – whether council breached duty in approving dog off-leash activity and dog on-leash activity – whether each activity likely to significantly affect the environment – breaches of Part 5 of EPA Act.

## LEGISLATION

### Commonwealth

#### Bills

#### [Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2020](#)

Senate 12/11/2020 - Consequential on the Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Bill 2020, the bill amends the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 to provide that decisions made under the Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020 are not subject to judicial review; and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 to authorise the disclosure of protected information.

#### [Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Bill 2020](#)

Senate 12/11/2020 - Introduced with the Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020, the bill establishes a legislative scheme for Commonwealth engagement with arrangements between State or Territory governments and foreign governments, and their associated entities.

#### [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2020](#)

Assent Act no: 95 Year: 2020 10/11/2020  
Amends the: Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 to: clarify the interaction between federal, state and territory electoral funding and disclosure regimes following the High Court decision in *Spence v Queensland* [2019] HCA 15; make technical amendments in relation to entity registration and public election funding rules; and allow a senior Australian Electoral Commission staff member rather

than a senior Divisional Returning Officer to be on the Redistribution Committee for the Australian Capital Territory; Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 to amend various aspects of voting and scrutiny processes; and Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 to extend the electronically assisted voting method to Australians working in Antarctica.

### Regulations

#### [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Act 2020](#)

09/11/2020 - Act No. 95 of 2020 as made

#### [Federal Court and Federal Circuit Court Amendment \(Fees\) Regulations 2020](#)

This instrument amends the Federal Court and Federal Circuit Court Regulation 2012 to increase the application fees charged by the Federal Circuit Court for migration litigants, and introduce a partial fee exemption which allows individuals to pay a reduced application fee where paying the full fee would cause financial hardship.

### NSW

#### Bills Introduced – 13 November 2020

##### Government

#### [Bushfires Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)

#### [Mandatory Disease Testing Bill 2020](#)

##### Non-Government

#### [Casino Control Amendment \(No Compensation\) Bill 2020](#)

#### [ICAC and Other Independent Commissions Legislation Amendment \(Independent Funding\) Bill 2020](#)

#### [Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment \(Property Developer Commissions to MPs\) Bill 2020](#)

#### [Law Enforcement \(Powers and Responsibilities\) Amendment \(Drug Detection Dogs and Strip Searches\) Bill 2020](#)

#### [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment \(Increased Penalties\) Bill 2020](#)

#### Bills introduced – Government – 20 November 2020

#### [Appropriation \(Parliament\) Bill 2020](#)

#### [Appropriation Bill 2020](#)

##### Non-Government

#### [Crimes \(Domestic and Personal Violence\) Amendment \(Coercive and Controlling Behaviour\) Bill 2020](#)

#### Bills revised following amendment in Committee

#### [Bushfires Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)

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

#### [Liquor Amendment \(24-hour Economy\) Bill 2020](#)

[Mandatory Disease Testing Bill 2020](#)

[Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment \(Domestic Violence\) Bill 2020](#)

**Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament – 20 November 2020**

[Bushfires Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)

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

[Liquor Amendment \(24-hour Economy\) Bill 2020](#)

[Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment \(Domestic Violence\) Bill 2020](#)

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1(c) Major commercial matters (incl. ICT)

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

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