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## PUBLIC SECTOR NEWSLETTER - NEW SOUTH WALES

### IN THE MEDIA

#### Update to the joint statement on global privacy expectations of video conferencing companies

Moving forward, the joint signatories will undertake further engagement with these companies and will issue a more substantive public statement on their findings, learnings, and outcomes from this activity in 2021. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/update-to-the-joint-statement-on-global-privacy-expectations-of-video-conferencing-companies/>

#### Release of National Action Plan to Reduce Sexual Harassment in the Australian Legal Profession

Eliminating sexual harassment in the legal profession is part of the Law Council's long-running commitment to inclusion and diversity in the legal profession. The release of the National Action Plan to Reduce Sexual Harassment in the Australian Legal Profession (NAP) heralds the start of a united and coordinated process to address the issue. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/release-of-national-action-plan-to-reduce-sexual-harassment-in-the-australian-legal-profession->

#### Law Council response to Committee's final report into the Litigation and Class Action Industry in Australia

"The Law Council agrees in principle with a number of the 31 recommendations made in the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services' final report on Litigation Funding and the Regulation of the Class Action Industry in Australia. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-statements/law-council-response-to-committee-s-final-report-into-the-litigation-and-class-action-industry-in-australia->

#### Appointment of Acting Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

The Hon Dr Christopher Jessup QC has been appointed as Acting Inspector General of Intelligence and Security. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/media/media-releases/appointment-acting-inspector-general-intelligence-and-security-23-december-2020>

#### Recommendations following investigation into FOI processing by Home Affairs

The OAIC has made recommendations to ensure the Department of Home Affairs is able to meet the statutory processing periods specified under the FOI Act. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/recommendations-following-investigation-into-foi-processing-by-home-affairs/>

#### Human factor dominates latest data breach statistics

Data breaches attributed to human error continue to increase according to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's (OAIC) latest Notifiable Data Breaches Report. Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner Angelene Falk said 38% of all data breaches notified during the period were attributed to human error. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/human-factor-dominates-latest-data-breach-statistics/>

#### Information Commissioner orders compensation payable by Home Affairs for breaching detainees' privacy

The Department of Home Affairs (formerly the Department of Immigration and Border Protection) has been found to have interfered with the privacy of 9,251 detainees in immigration detention by mistakenly releasing their personal information. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/information-commissioner-orders-compensation-payable-by-home-affairs-for-breaching-detainees-privacy/>

#### Law Council calls on government to Raise the Age

31 countries met at the United Nations Universal Periodic Review that Australia raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility, is a stark reminder that Australia is falling behind the rest of the world in dealing with juvenile offenders. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-statements/law-council-calls-on-government-to-raise-the-age>

## New eSafety guide to dodge unsafe IT

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has released a new investment checklist for the purchasers of IT platforms and services to ensure the products they buy are safe for users. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/newsroom/new-checklist-puts-online-safety-front-mind-for-investors-and-venture-capitalists>

## NSW

### NSW offers grants for tech solutions to reduce barriers to justice system

The NSW Government is offering \$250,000 in grants for ideas that use technology to reduce barriers to the state's justice system for those who need it the most. <https://www.itwire.com/strategy/nsw-offers-grants-for-tech-solutions-to-reduce-barriers-to-justice-system.html>

## IN PRACTICE AND COURTS

### Current Consultations

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [Regulatory Powers \(Standardisation Reform\) Bill 2020 \[Provisions\]](#)

[Judges' Pensions Amendment \(Pension Not Payable for Misconduct\) Bill 2020](#)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [Nationhood, national identity and democracy](#)

Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media [Foreign Interference through Social Media](#)

Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation [Exemption of delegated legislation from parliamentary oversight](#)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee [The current capability of the Australian Public Service \(APS\)](#)

### Publications and Guides

11 January 2021 [Unfitness to be tried/to plead \[NLD\]](#)

06 January 2021 [Guidelines for dealings between Investigators and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions](#)

### [CDPP Alert: Hoax CDPP Emails](#)

The Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is warning members of the community to beware of scammers claiming to be from the CDPP.

### [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. 1/2021, 1 January 2021

### [Digital Transformation Agency \(DTA\) Consultation: The Digital Identity Legislation Consultation Paper](#)

The paper outlines key issues surrounding the development of the legislation and poses specific questions about its design, scope and content.

### [Commonwealth Integrity Commission: consultation draft](#)

The Australian Government has released an exposure draft of legislation to establish the new Commonwealth Integrity Commission (CIC) and make other consequential legislative amendments. A [fact sheet](#) about the key features of the CIC has also been released. The consultation page includes links to the draft legislation and further information about other issues under consideration.

### [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.

### [ACMA position paper: Misinformation and news quality on digital platforms in Australia](#)

A position paper to guide code development—includes a model code framework for consideration, including objectives and outcomes to be achieved for the benefit of Australian users of digital platforms. The ACMA anticipates to have in place a single, industry-wide code by December 2020.

### [LSC: Regulation of litigation funding schemes](#)

The Legal Services Council has amended the Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015 with effect from 22 August 2020 so the prohibitions in s 258(1) and (3) of the Legal Profession Uniform Law do not apply in relation to litigation funding schemes now regulated as managed investment schemes. The new rule will operate for 12 months to allow for consultation.

### [Guiding those experiencing family violence and other safety risks through the family law system](#)

The Lighthouse Project Pilot commences in Brisbane and Parramatta on 11 January 2021. The Pilot introduces risk screening, triage and case management, and the Evatt List to the Federal Circuit Court (FCC).

The FCC released [Practice Direction No. 3 of 2020 – Lighthouse Project and Evatt List](#) which sets out the procedure for Lighthouse Project related family law proceedings in the Court. Further information can be found on the FCC website [here](#).

### CDPP Publications

*Partner Agency Engagement Strategy*

18 January 2021 [Partner Agency Engagement Strategy](#)  
NLD - Prosecution Services - Partner Agencies

18 January 2021 [NLD - Prosecution Services - Partner Agencies](#)

### [OAIC: Commissioner-initiated investigation into the Department of Home Affairs](#)

Report finalised: 11 December 2020;

Department's response: 6 January 2021;

Report published: 29 January 2021

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/assets/freedom-of-information/reports/Department-of-Home-Affairs-CII-Report-including-Secretary-Comments.pdf>

### [Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia—expansion of the COVID-19 List](#)

The Joint Practice Direction 1 of 2021—the COVID-19 List was issued by the Chief Justice Monday 18 January. The expansion of the COVID-19 List is a result of its success throughout 2020 in handling the increase in urgent applications filed as a result of the pandemic.

### [Joint Practice Direction 1 of 2021 - The COVID-19 list](#)

Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia, 1 of 2021

## NSW

### [NCAT fees and charges from 1 January 2021](#)

4 January 2021 - From 1 January 2021 fees apply to strata schemes interim order applications lodged in addition to a strata schemes application.

### [NCAT Annual Report 2019-2020](#)

22 December 2020 - The NCAT Annual Report 2019-2020 was tabled in NSW Parliament on 17 December 2020. The report is now available to download from the NCAT website.

### [NSW IPC Bulletin](#)

The IPC Bulletin includes updates on the IPC's recent activities, resources and guidance, links to new case notes, information about upcoming events, and other relevant issues and developments in information access and privacy.

## COVID NSW

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

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

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. The discussion paper is available [here](#). Submissions close on 12 March 2021.

### [DCJ NSW: Exposure Draft Bill for public consultation: Crimes Legislation \(Offences Against Pregnant Women\) Bill](#)

The Government is seeking community views on proposals that aim to acknowledge the loss of victims and appropriately punish offenders. The Exposure Draft Bill, which was developed in response to expert advice and stakeholder feedback, is available on the Have Your Say website.

### [JUDCOM: Local Court Benchbook](#)

Update 139, 22 December 2020

Specific penalties and orders - has been updated as a result of the following recent amendments: Liquor Regulation 2018 by the Liquor Amendment (Night-time Economy) Act 2020 and Rural Fires Act 1997 by the Bushfires Legislation Amendment Act 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. View the latest publication here: [Decisions](#).

Reserved as at 11 December 2020

### [ICAC: Operation Keppel timetable for submissions](#)

The Commission has decided to place the current submission process on hold pending the completion of some further investigative steps.

### [ICAC: Advice on developing a fraud and corruption control policy](#)

The NSW ICAC has released advice on developing a fraud and corruption control policy, and a sample policy.

### [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. Last updated 26 November 2020.

### [Commercial Law Section - Updated Notes on COVID-19 Related Developments in Commercial Law And Practice](#)

The New South Wales Bar Association's Commercial Law Section has today provided an updated version of its notes on COVID-19 related developments in commercial law and practice. The updated notes are available [here](#) and have also been published on the Association's [COVID-19](#) and [Commercial Law Section](#) webpages (27 January 2021)

### [QR code systems being introduced in Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court buildings](#)

The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court recognise the importance of contract tracing and early identification in the event of a COVID-19 exposure, with a QR Code system and manual registers are being introduced as a means of registering public attendance in Court buildings. The registration and use of QR Codes are voluntary.

### [Information Commissioner Statement relating to Complaint regarding conduct of the Office of the NSW Premier](#)

The NSW Information Commissioner confirms previous reports that a complaint regarding the conduct of the Office of the NSW Premier was lodged with the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) in October 2020.

### **Strata statutory review: consultation now open**

The Government has commenced a wide-ranging review of the laws affecting [strata schemes under the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015](#) and the [Strata Schemes Development Act 2015](#).

Public consultation is now open and will close on 7 March 2021. Please visit the [Have your say - strata statutory review](#) website to access the [Strata Discussion Paper](#) and for surveys on management and development issues.

### **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](#).

**PUBLISHED - ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS****[ANAO: 14 January 2021](#)**

This edition of audit insights summarises key messages for all Australian Government entities from a series of recent Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) performance audits assessing the planning and implementation of regulation activities. It discusses the importance of using available data and intelligence information to develop and execute risk-based regulatory activities targeted in proportion to the impacts of non-compliance.

**[PGPA Act Flipchart and List](#)**

Released 04 January 2021

Flipchart of Commonwealth entities and companies - The [Flipchart](#) is a reference of all non-corporate and corporate Commonwealth entities and companies. Commonwealth entities and companies are government bodies that are subject to the [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013](#) (the PGPA Act).

**[OAIC 2020 highlights infographic](#)**

OAIC: 15 December 2020

See our infographic to learn more about how we worked to increase public trust and confidence in access to government-held information and protection of personal information in 2020.

**[The law on judicial bias: A primer](#)**

ALRC: 14 December 2020

The first background paper provides an introductory summary and overview of key aspects of the law on judicial bias as it relates to the Australian federal judiciary.

**[The Australian Taxation Office's Management of Risks Related to the Rapid Implementation of COVID-19 Economic Response Measures](#)**

ANAO: Report No 24, 14 December 2020

The objective of the audit was to assess whether the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has effectively managed risks related to the rapid implementation of COVID-19 economic response measures.

**[Productivity Commission: Report on Government Services 2021](#)**

The annual Report on Government Services (RoGS) provides information on the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of government services in Australia.  
20 January 2021 - Part F Community services (includes aged care, disability, child protection and youth justice)  
22 January 2021 - Part C Justice (includes police, courts and corrective services)

**[Anonymity and identity shielding position paper](#)**

eSafety Commission: January 2021

has highlighted the need for more rigorous, consistent and transparent verification of online social media accounts in its latest position paper on anonymity and identity shielding online.

**[Australia's Third Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#)**

AHRC: January 2021

The submission to the third cycle review welcomes positive developments since the last cycle in 2015 and highlights the ongoing substantial weaknesses in Australia's human rights protections and new

challenges that are arising, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[Notifiable Data Breaches Report](#)**

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC): 28 January 2021

The OAIC received 539 data breach notifications from July to December 2020, an increase of 5% on the previous six months (512). 38% of all data breaches notified during the period were attributed to human error.

**[2021 State of reconciliation in Australia report](#)**

Reconciliation Australia: 18 January 2021

This report assesses the current status of reconciliation and outlines some practical actions that need to be taken in order to continue to progress the reconciliation process.

**CASES****[Gerner v Victoria \[2020\] HCA 48](#)**

Constitutional law (Cth) – Implications from Constitution – Where directions made under s 200(1)(b) and (d) of Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic) restricted movement of persons within Victoria – Where plaintiffs sought declarations that directions and s 200(1)(b) and (d) of Public Health and Wellbeing Act were invalid as an infringement of a freedom to move wherever one wishes for whatever reason ("freedom of movement") said to be implicit in Constitution – Where defendant demurred on ground that Constitution did not imply freedom of movement – Whether freedom of movement implicit in federal structure of Constitution – Whether freedom of movement protected by implied freedom of political communication – Whether freedom of movement implicit in s 92 of Constitution.

**[Onus v Minister for the Environment \[2020\] FCA 1807](#)**

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – application for judicial review challenging the lawfulness of the Minister's decision dated 6 August 2020 not to make declarations under ss 10 and 12 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act) in relation to the effect on an area and certain trees claimed to be of particular significance for Aboriginals relating to the construction and alignment of a section of the Western Highway between Ararat and Buangor in Victoria – six grounds of judicial review raised – challenge to the lawfulness of the Minister's decision in relation to the application for a declaration under s 10 of the Act dismissed – Minister's decision in respect of the application for a declaration under s 12 of the Act found to be invalid in law and set aside – whether the Minister's decision regarding ss 10 and 12 was severable – Minister directed to refer the s 12 application for reconsideration and determination according to law by another Minister with responsibility for administering the Act.

**[COMPLAINANT 201908 v COMMISSIONER FOR FAIR TRADING \(Discrimination\) \[2021\] ACAT 2](#)**

DISCRIMINATION – irrelevant criminal record – quantum of compensation to be determined – available remedies – reassessment of application for motor vehicle traders licence – where apology sought – damages under the

Human Rights Commission Act 2005 – compensation for non-economic loss – no exemplary damages awarded – compensation for ‘loss of chance’ – interest. Human Rights Commission Act 2005 s 53E.

[EJH v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority \[2021\] NSWCATAD 7](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW – jurisdiction of NCAT to review “banning orders” made by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.

[YBOS Pty Ltd t/as BIG4 Tweed Billabong Holiday Park v Creek \[2020\] NSWCATAP 284](#)

APPEAL – NCAT – fresh evidence - question of law - statutory construction - appeal from decision of Consumer and Commercial Division of NCAT

COMMUNITY SCHEME - Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act 2013 (NSW) - residential and tourist sites - age restriction rule for residents - home owner - occupant - whether rule fair and reasonable and clearly expressed - age restrictions for additional occupants - whether rule inconsistent with another Act - anti-discrimination - age discrimination - whether operator under a site agreement provides goods and services - community rules - statutory and other instruments - application of community rule to tourists.

[KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission \(No 2\) \[2020\] NSWLEC 179](#)

JUDICIAL REVIEW – challenge to decision of Independent Planning Commission to refuse development consent for new coal mine – state significant development – construction and application of State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 in assessment of greenhouse gas impacts of new coal mine – no failure to refer project to Minister for Regional Water for advice as required by State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 – no failure to apply State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 requirements in considering impacts on water resources – no failure to accord procedural fairness to proponent in relation to Aboriginal heritage protection, alternative sources of coal, groundwater, greenhouse gas emissions in Independent Planning Commission identifying that insufficient evidence – summons dismissed.

[Department of Home Affairs privacy determination](#)

This matter is the first representative action where we have found compensation for non-economic loss payable to individuals affected by a data breach. It recognises that a loss of privacy or disclosure of personal information may impact individuals and depending on the circumstances, cause loss or damage

[Votano v Building Professionals Board \[2021\] NSWCATOD 7](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW – building certifier – application for accreditation – experience requirements – whether applicant has required experience Votano v Building Professionals Board [2021] NSWCATOD 7

[Pillinger v Northern Sydney Local Health District \[2021\] NSWCATAD 14](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – access to government information – investigation into complaints – whether overriding public interest against disclosure Pillinger v Northern Sydney Local Health District [2021] NSWCATAD 14

[Dare v SafeWork NSW \[2021\] NSWCATAD 12](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Administrative review – review of decision to cancel and disqualify the accreditation of an assessor of high risk work licences under cl 134 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 – whether Conditions for conducting high risk work license assessments in NSW breached – decisions set aside and varied.

[The Australian Press Council Inc v Southey \[2021\] NSWCATAP 9](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – Anti-discrimination – transgender grounds – preliminary question – definition of ‘services’ – whether adjudication of complaint by private organisation, the Australian Press Council, is within the definition of ‘services’ The Australian Press Council Inc v Southey [2021] NSWCATAP 9

[EJS v NSW Trustee and Guardian \[2021\] NSWCATAD 10](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – review under section 62 NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009 (NSW) – Trustee and Guardian - interests and welfare of protected person – whether to pursue refund of legal costs – financial management order. EJS v NSW Trustee and Guardian [2021] NSWCATAD 10

## LEGISLATION

### Commonwealth

[Copyright Act 1968](#)

28/01/2021 - Act No. 63 of 1968 as amended

[Administrative Decisions \(Judicial Review\) Act 1977](#)

27/01/2021 - Act No. 59 of 1977 as amended

[Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986](#)

22/01/2021 - Act No. 101 of 1986 as amended

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986

[Foreign Evidence Act 1994](#)

20/01/2021 - Act No. 59 of 1994 as amended

[Privacy Act 1988](#)

20/01/2021 - Act No. 119 of 1988 as amended

### Bills

[National Emergency Declaration \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2020](#)

Assent Act no: 129 15 December 2020

Introduced with the National Emergency Declaration Bill 2020 to implement a recommendation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, the bill amends: 24 Acts, four regulations and four ordinances that contain powers that are used by the Commonwealth when responding to, or supporting the recovery from, emergencies to enable the use of alternative or simplified statutory tests to streamline the exercise of those powers where a national emergency

has been declared; and National Emergency Declaration Act 2020 and Radiocommunications Act 1992 to make amendments contingent on the commencement of the Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020.

### [Regulatory Powers \(Standardisation Reform\) Bill 2020 \[Provisions\]](#)

On 10 December 2020 the Senate referred the provisions of the Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 February 2021. The deadline for submissions to the inquiry is 13 January 2021.

### [National Emergency Declaration Bill 2020](#)

Assent Act no: 128 15 December 2020 Introduced with the National Emergency Declaration (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 to implement a recommendation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, the bill: establishes a framework for the declaration of a national emergency by the Governor-General, on the advice of the Prime Minister; enables ministers to suspend, vary or substitute administrative requirements in legislation they administer in certain circumstances; and enables the Prime Minister to require Commonwealth entities to report on available stockpiles, assets and resources, and options and recommendations to respond to a national emergency.

### [Electoral Amendment \(Territory Representation\) Bill 2020](#)

Assent Act no: 127 15 December 2020  
Senate 03 December 2020 - The Electoral Amendment (Territory Representation) Bill 2020 amends the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 to provide more equitable representation, through changes to the method for determining the number of House of Representatives members for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

### **Regulations**

#### [Electoral and Referendum Amendment \(AUSTRAC\) Regulations 2020](#)

This instrument amends the permitted purpose in the Electoral and Referendum Regulation 2016 for which the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) may use electoral Roll information.

#### [Broadcasting Services \(Australian Content and Children's Television\) Standards 2020](#)

21/12/2020 – This instrument repeals and replaces the Broadcasting Services (Australian Content) Standard 2016 and the Children's Television Standards 2009 to reduce and simplify the Australian content obligations that apply to commercial television broadcasting licensees, while retaining important safeguards for the protection of children.

### **NSW**

#### **Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments**

[Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment \(Fees\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020 \(2020-734\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

[Civil Procedure Amendment \(Fees\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020 \(2020-735\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

[Criminal Procedure Amendment \(Fees\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2020 \(2020-736\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

[Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment \(Social Housing\) Regulation 2020 \(2020-737\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

[Government Sector Finance Amendment Regulation 2020 \(2020-739\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

[Members of Parliament Staff Amendment Regulation 2020 \(2020-742\)](#) – published LW 18 December 2020

#### **Proclamations commencing Acts**

[Electoral Funding \(Adjustable Amounts\) \(Administrative and New Party Policy Development Funding\) Notice 2020](#)

(2020-701) – published LW 4 December 2020 - For the purposes of Schedule 1, clause 5(6) of the Act, the adjustable amounts that are to apply for a calendar year set out in Schedule 1 are the amounts specified in the Schedule. Fees effective from 01 January 2021

#### **Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments**

[Gambling Legislation Amendment Regulation 2021 \(2021-2\)](#) – published LW 22 January 2021

[Crimes \(Domestic and Personal Violence\) Amendment \(Standard Orders\) Regulation 2021](#)

#### **Bills reminder**

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

1.15 Electoral Funding Act 2018 No 20 Schedule 2 Savings, transitional and other provisions - Schedule—Part 4 Provision consequent on postponement of September 2020 local government elections - postponed local government elections To avoid doubt, for the purposes of sections 28 and 31A of this Act, the local government elections to be held on 4 September 2021 are taken to be ordinary. See No 30 [Statute Law \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2020 No 30](#)

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4(a) Employment and industrial relations law

4(f) Discrimination

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6(c) Debt recovery

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