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PUBLIC SECTOR NEWSLETTER - NEW SOUTH WALES

IN THE MEDIA

National Archives gets \$67m to digitise records, boost cyber security

The federal government has handed an extra \$67.7 million to the National Archives of Australia to preserve irreplaceable records in a digital form and to protect vulnerable systems from cyber attack. <https://www.itnews.com.au/news/national-archives-gets-67m-to-digitise-records-boost-cyber-security-566785>

PM&C issues Guide to help regulators

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has announced the launch of a Guide to help lift the performance, capability and culture of Commonwealth regulators. The Regulator Performance Guide was effective from 1 July but has a transition period of one year. <https://deregulation.pmc.gov.au/priorities/regulator-best-practice-and-performance/regulator-performance-guide>

ICIC endorses OAIC resolution on proactive publication

The International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC) has endorsed a resolution put forward by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to support the proactive publication of information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/updates/news-and-media/icic-endorses-oaic-resolution-on-proactive-publication/>

New procurement council to set PS standards

The Australasian Procurement and Construction Council (APCC) has launched a campaign to professionalise public sector procurement. The Chair of the APCC, said the Council's Public Sector Procurement Profession Role Statement and Procurement Capability Framework aimed to establish baseline procurement proficiencies in every public sector jurisdiction. The APCC's Statement can be accessed at this [link](#) and Framework at this [link](#).

LCA: Time for consultation on Respect @ Work

The introduction of the Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021 into Parliament, is a positive step forward towards the reconsideration of federal discrimination laws. The Law Council is pleased that this Bill is being referred to committee for a thorough consultation with key experts. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-statements/time-for-consultation-on-respect-work>

Australian Lawyers Alliance: Misuse of COVID-19 tracing data must be punishable with sanctions and liability

Heavy penalties are needed for leaders in police, law enforcement and security agencies when they facilitate, or turn a blind eye to, the unlawful gathering and use of COVID-19 tracing data. In occupational health and safety laws there is direct liability for leaders of organisations and this should be the same in cases involving breaches of privacy. <https://www.lawyersalliance.com.au/news/misuse-of-covid-19-tracing-data-must-be-punishable-with-sanctions-and-liability>

NSW

ICAC recommends significant reform to lobbying legislation, including banning secret meetings between lobbyists and government officials

The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) recommends that legislation be amended to better manage lobbying in the state including the prohibition of secret communications or meetings between lobbyists and government officials. <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/2021-media-releases/icac-recommends-significant-reform-to-lobbying-legislation-including-banning-secret-meetings-between-lobbyists-and-government-officials>

\$148 million for domestic and sexual violence support and extra magistrates

The NSW Government is investing an extra \$148.6 million as part of the 2021-22 NSW Budget to boost support for domestic and sexual violence survivors and accelerate access to justice. This investment includes associated criminal justice system funding for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Corrective Services NSW, and Legal Aid NSW. [https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/\\$148-million-for-domestic-and-sexual-violence-support-and-extra-magistrates](https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/$148-million-for-domestic-and-sexual-violence-support-and-extra-magistrates)

Investing in community supervision and safety

Offenders in the community will be under increased supervision and have greater access to rehabilitation programs following a \$33 million investment in reducing reoffending and building safer communities. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/investing-in-community-supervision-and-safety>

IN PRACTICE AND COURTS

[Proposed amendments to the Legal Profession Uniform Conduct \(Barristers\) Rules 2015 - 24 June 2021](#)

The Australian Bar Association invites comments and submissions on a proposal to amend Rules 123 and 125 of the Legal Profession Uniform Conduct (Barristers) Rules. Submissions should be sent to the Australian Bar Association on or before 2 August 2021.

[Gazette Registration - Annual Federal Courts and Tribunals Fee Increases from 1 July 2021](#)

The fees payable in the federal courts and tribunals will increase from 1 July 2021 to reflect changes to the consumer price index over the past financial year. This is an automatic increase provided by the relevant fee regulations.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Review now open for submissions and interviews: Sex Discrimination

The AHRC is inviting contributions for its [Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces](#), accepting written contributions from groups covered by the [Review's Terms of Reference](#).

The Review aim is to ensure all Commonwealth Parliamentary workplaces are safe and respectful and that our national Parliament reflects best practice. Make a written submission via humanrights.gov.au/cpwreview. Submissions on the Consultation Paper close on 9 July. View the Consultation Paper at this [PS News link](#).

[Law Council Update - 24 June 2021](#)

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.

High Court Bulletin

[High Court of Australia Bulletin \[2021\] HCAB 05 \(25 June 2021\)](#)

Law Council of Australia Submissions

22 June 2021— Law Council
[Supplementary submission: Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(High Risk Terrorist Offenders\) Bill 2020](#)

22 June 2021— Law Council
[Supplementary submission: Review of the National Emergency Declaration Act 2020 \(CTH\)](#)

[AAT: Changes to our application fees on 1 July 2021](#)

Application fees in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal will increase on 1 July 2021.

[AAT Bulletin](#)

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

[OAIC: Our FOI disclosure log](#)

The information described in our disclosure log has been released by the OAIC under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act): updated May 2021.

[ALRC Judicial Impartiality Consultation Paper 2021](#)

The Inquiry would look at judges in the High Court, Federal Court, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court. Submissions are open until 30 June. The ALRC was expected to deliver its report to the Attorney-General by 30 September.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

[Family Law Amendment \(Federal Family Violence Orders\) Bill 2021 \[Provisions\]](#)

On 13 May 2021, the Senate referred the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 July 2021.

[Constitution Alteration \(Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press\) 2019](#)

Status: Accepting Submissions Date Referred: 17 June 2021 Submissions Close: 20 August 2021. Reporting Date: 31 December 2021

[Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2021](#)

Status: Accepting Submissions Date Referred: 24 June 2021 Submissions Close: 15 July 2021. Reporting Date: 13 August 2021

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

Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media to inquire into and report on the risk posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media. The committee is to present its final report on or before the second sitting day of May 2022. The closing date for submissions is 31 October 2021.

NSW

Supreme Court Practice Notes

SC CL 4 [Re-issued Practice Note SC CL 4 - Defamation List – 01 July 2021](#)

Annual Court and Tribunal Fee Increases

The Justice Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2021 commenced on 1 July 2021. The regulation provides for a 0.8% annual increase to court and tribunal fees for 2021-22 and amends the following five regulations. The Justice Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2021 can be found here [Justice Legislation Amendment \(Fees\) Regulation 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Changes to strata laws

On 1 July 2021 new provisions in the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 commence. The provisions will: require an owners corporation to serve all lot owners with a copy of any application made to NCAT concerning their scheme; and enable an application to the Tribunal to ask for a monetary penalty for contravention of an NCAT order. For more information about the strata law changes visit the [NSW Fair Trading website](#).

NCAT fees and charges from 1 July 2021

NCAT's fees and charges for the filing of applications, appeals and other services will change on Thursday 1 July 2021. A general 0.8% increase will be applied to all NCAT fees and charges. Certain application types continue to have no fee including community services matters and Guardianship Division applications. Download the NCAT Fees and charges schedule as at 1 July 2021.

Court and tribunal information: access, disclosure and publication

The NSW Law Reform Commission has released draft proposals ahead of its final report on Court and tribunal information access, disclosure and publication. The proposals focus on the operation of suppression and non-publication orders and access to information in NSW courts and tribunals. Submissions have been invited (closing date 2 August 2021).

Drug Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2021

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking comments on the consultation draft of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2021 and Regulatory Impact Statement. There are two documents that you can read to understand the proposed changes: Proposed Drug and Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2021 and Regulatory Impact Statement Submissions can be made by email to policy@justice.nsw.gov.au The closing date for submissions is 16 July 2021.

JUDCOM: Sentencing Bench Book – Preliminaries

Update 48, June 2021 - Obligations of the parties has been updated; Purposes of sentencing has been reviewed and outdated material removed; Subjective matters taken into account (cf s 21A(1)); Victims and victim impact statements has been generally revised; Taking further offences into account (Form 1 offences) has been extensively revised and rewritten.

Costs Disputes – Uniform Law - Indexed Amounts

Sections 291, 292 and 293 of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) relate to costs disputes. The

amounts were increased as a result of indexation for the financial years 1/7/2019 - 30/6/2020 and 1/7/2020 - 30/6/2021. The amounts have again been indexed for the financial year 1/7/2021 - 30/6/2022.

Personal Injury Commission - Hearings during COVID-19

The President of the Personal Injury Commission has advised the NSW Bar Association that the PIC will continue to apply Procedural Direction 10 until further notice. Procedural Direction 10 provides that, during the currency of the COVID-19 pandemic and until further notice, the Commission will, list matters for hearing by audio link or audio-visual link.

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. The list is updated regularly. View the latest publication here: [NSWCA Decisions before the High Court as at 18 June 2021](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The NSW Government believes that the NSW Government can use AI to benefit the community and is taking actions to ensure that AI is used safely, ethically and effectively. We have an AI Strategy(External link) that outlines our vision for the use of AI, and ensures transparency, fairness and accountability.

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 28 June 2021.

PUBLISHED – ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS

CDPP Publications 2021

[Costs NLD-Witness-Expenses-2021-Jun.pdf](#)

[Investigation into the regulation of lobbying, access and influence in NSW \(Operation Eclipse\)](#)

ICAC: 22 June 2021

The ICAC finds that new legislation, or significant reform of the current Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011 (the LOGO Act), is required to safeguard the public interest against the inherent lobbying risks of corruption and undue influence.

CASES

[Stoneham v Director of Public Prosecutions \(NSW\) \[2021\] NSWSC 735](#)

APPEALS – Procedure – Adjournment – Where Magistrate adjourned sentence proceedings pursuant to s 40 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 (NSW) to avoid operation of s 58 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 (NSW) – Whether Magistrate erred in interpretation of s 58 – Whether incorrect interpretation of s 58 enlivened s 52 of the Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001 (NSW) ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Whether Magistrate's decision to adjourn sentence proceedings a reviewable error of law – Jurisdictional error.

[Decision restricted \[2021\] NSWCATAD 145](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Administrative review – review of decision to cancel and disqualify the accreditation of an assessor of high risk work licences under the 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.

[ERG \(on behalf of ABC\) v St Catherine's School Sydney; ERG v St Catherine's School Sydney \[2021\] NSWCATAD 144](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – discrimination – race – less favourable treatment – same or not materially different circumstances – causation HUMAN RIGHTS – victimisation - causation HUMAN RIGHTS – Tribunals – Civil and Administrative Tribunal -- leave to commence proceedings – principles concerning grant of leave.

[Wavelength Group Pty Ltd v Upper Hunter Shire Council \[2021\] NSWCATAD 182](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – access to government information – access application – public interest considerations in favour of disclosure – public interest considerations against disclosure – whether overriding public interest against disclosure.

[Schlaepfer v Australian Securities & Investments Commission \[2021\] NSWCA 129](#)

DEFAMATION – Publication – Slander – Where appellant relied on contemporaneous email to prove publication of the words allegedly said – Whether slander proved in the terms pleaded – Whether appellant identified by the matters complained of – Whether imputations complained of by appellant conveyed to the ordinary reasonable listener DEFAMATION – Defences – Defence of qualified privilege at common law and under Defamation Act 2005 – Whether reasonableness required to be proved to establish defence at common law having regard to defence as pleaded – Whether reasonableness established – Defence of justification – Where ASIC sought to establish truth of imputation of market manipulation without attempting to establish the individual trading of any particular trader or pod of traders – Contention that the relevant company had engaged in the impugned conduct on "any one or more" of 23 "occasions" – Expert opinion evidence concerning proof of impugned conduct by the establishment of certain metrics observed in the company's trading – Whether sufficient to establish truth defence.

[Watson v State of NSW \[2021\] NSWSC 765](#)

CIVIL PROCEDURE – Time – Extension of time – Where extension of time to bring action is sought – leave granted LIMITATION OF ACTIONS – Personal injury – Where delay in onset of symptoms leads to delay in bringing action NEGLIGENCE – Psychiatric injury STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – whether limitation provisions of Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999 or Limitation Act 1969 apply to application – Definition of 'motor vehicle' – Limitation Act applies.

[Flaherty v Upper Hunter Shire Council \[2021\] NSWCATAD 178](#)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – government information – whether redaction of irrelevant material is a reviewable decision – personal information and health information – defamatory allegations – endanger a person's health.

[Bonner v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue \[2021\] NSWCATAP 180](#)

TAX AND DUTIES – payroll tax – liability – employment agents – employment agency contract – interpretation of Payroll Tax Act 2007 (NSW), s 37(1) ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – administrative review of decision made by Chief Commissioner of State Revenue under Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 (NSW) – decision subject of objection lodged by tax payer.

[Wojciechowska v Blue Mountains City Council \[2021\] NSWCATAP 179](#)

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (CTH) – Chapter III – where application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) came before Civil and Administrative Tribunal of New South Wales ("NCAT") – where one party is State of NSW and the other party is a resident of another State where common ground that NCAT not a "court of a State" – whether NCAT exercised State judicial power in hearing and determining a dispute under the GIPA Act Wojciechowska v Blue Mountains City Council [2021] NSWCATAP 179.

[Goodwin v NSW Treasury \[2021\] NSWCATAD 176](#)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – government information – remuneration of senior executives – personal information – prejudice to professional or financial interests – prejudice to agency's functions.

[Central Coast Council v 422 Pacific Highway Wyong Pty Ltd \[2021\] NSWLEC 64](#)

JUDICIAL REVIEW - First Respondent granted complying development certificate by Sixth Respondent for "landscaping material supplies" on land owned by Second to Fifth Respondents - certificate purported to authorise importation and placement of fill to a depth of 1.95 metres across the properties owned by Second to Fifth Respondents - Council seeks declaration that the certificate is invalid - necessity for engineer's certificate of structural stability a prerequisite mandated by cl 5A.27(3) (a) of State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt And Complying Development Codes) 2008 - no engineer's certificate provided to Sixth Respondent - first basis of invalidity established - evidence the certificate was not issued by Sixth Respondent but by another certifier purporting to issue the certificate in Sixth Respondent's name - further basis of invalidity of certificate established - First Respondent submits to the making of a declaration of invalidity of the certificate - certificate declared invalid DISCRETION - substantial volumes of fill placed by First Respondent relying on the first and/or second certificate - issues of relief on declarations of invalidity deferred to further hearing - directions made for further hearing Central Coast Council v 422 Pacific Highway Wyong Pty Ltd [2021] NSWLEC 64.

[Morgan v Commissioner of Police \[2021\] NSWCATAD 173](#)

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION - Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 – disclosure of body-worn video Morgan v Commissioner of Police [2021] NSWCATAD 173.

[Else v Service NSW \[2021\] NSWCATAD 172](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Application for review of conduct under Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1988 – Where alleged conduct was the use of personal information for a purpose other than that for which it was collected – Whether that conduct contravenes information protection principle 10 under s17 of that.

LEGISLATION**Commonwealth**[Online Safety \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021](#)

Finally passed both Houses 22 June 2021 - Introduced with the Online Safety Bill 2021, the bill: repeals the Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015; makes consequential amendments to 10 Acts; amends the Crimes Act 1914, Export Market Development Grants Act 1997 and Online Safety Act 2021, when enacted, to make amendments contingent on the commencement of certain other Acts; and contains transitional and application provisions.

[Online Safety Bill 2021](#)

Finally passed both Houses 23 June 2021 - Introduced with the Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021, the bill: retains and replicates certain provisions in the Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015, including the non-consensual sharing of intimate images scheme; specifies basic online safety expectations; establishes an online content scheme for the removal of certain material; creates a complaints-based removal notice scheme for cyber-abuse being perpetrated against an Australian adult; broadens the cyber-bullying scheme to capture harms occurring on services other than social media; reduces the timeframe for service providers to respond to a removal notice from the eSafety Commissioner; brings providers of app distribution services and internet search engine services into the remit of the new online content scheme; and establishes a power for the eSafety Commissioner to request or require internet service providers to disable access to material depicting, promoting, inciting or instructing in abhorrent violent conduct for time-limited periods in crisis situations.

[Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(International Production Orders\) Bill 2020](#)

Finally Passed both houses 24 June 2021 - - Amends the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 to: provide a framework for Australian agencies to obtain independently-authorized international production orders for interception, stored communications and telecommunications data directly to designated communications providers in

foreign countries with which Australia has a designated international agreement; make amendments contingent on the commencement of the proposed Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2020; and remove the ability for nominated Administrative Appeals Tribunal members to issue certain warrants.

[Hazardous Waste \(Regulation of Exports and Imports\) Amendment Bill 2021](#)

Assent Act no: 73 Year: 2021 30 June 2021 - Amends the: Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 to: implement Australia's obligations under the Basel Convention on the Control or Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal; apply the standard provisions of the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014 and insert new audit powers; update existing criminal offences and introduce new strict liability offences and civil penalties to cover non-compliance

[Biosecurity Amendment \(Strengthening Penalties\) Bill 2021](#)

Assent Act no: 58 Year: 2021 29 June 2021 Amends the Biosecurity Act 2015 to increase the civil and criminal penalty amounts for contraventions of certain key requirements relating to the assessment and management of biosecurity risks of goods that are brought or imported into Australian territory, and the carrying out of biosecurity activities in accordance with an approved arrangement.

[Repatriation of Defence Data Bill 2021](#)

HR 21 June 2021 - A Bill for an Act to require the repatriation of Defence data to sovereign Australian storage facilities, and for related purposes. If a sensitive data store is held in a high-risk storage facility, the Secretary must cause the sensitive data store to be transferred, before 25 April 2022, to a sovereign Australian storage facility.

[Ransomware Payments Bill 2021](#)

HR 21 June 2021 - This is a stand-alone Bill to establish a mandatory reporting requirement for Commonwealth entities, State or Territory agencies, corporations, and partnerships who make ransomware payments in response to a ransomware attack. The Bill will require entities who make a ransomware payment to notify the ACSC of key details of the attack, the attacker, and the payment. This information will be held by the ACSC.

[No Domestic COVID Vaccine Passports Bill 2021](#)

The bill prohibits the Commonwealth, States and Territories and other non-government entities from issuing domestic vaccine passports or certification and also prohibits discrimination on the basis of whether a person has had a COVID vaccination in the provision of goods, services and facilities and also in employment, education, accommodation and sport.

Regulations

[Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Digital Transformation Agency\) Rules 2021](#)

This instrument amends the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 to amend and expand the purposes of the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) as a listed in clause 10 for finance law, and repeal the sunset provision at subclause 10(2) to allow the DTA to continue as a listed entity under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

[Remuneration Tribunal \(Members of Parliament\) Determination 2021](#)

This determination 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. The remuneration, allowances and expenses are to be paid out of the public money of the Commonwealth.

NSW

Proclamations commencing Acts

[Defamation Amendment Act 2020 No 16](#) (2021-303) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Government Sector Finance Act 2018 No 55](#) (2021-304) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Government Sector Finance Legislation \(Repeal and Amendment\) Act 2018 No 70](#) (2021-305) — published LW 25 June 2021

Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[Greyhound Racing Act 2017 — Greyhound Racing Rules \(2021-345\)](#) — published LW 30 June 2021

[Firearms Amendment Regulation 2021](#) (2021-314) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Government Sector Audit Regulation 2021](#) (2021-315) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Justice Legislation Amendment \(Fees\) Regulation 2021](#) (2021-323) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Land Acquisition \(Just Terms Compensation\) Act 1991 — Notice under the Land Acquisition \(Just Terms Compensation\) Act 1991](#) (2021-334) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Liquor Amendment \(Miscellaneous\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2021](#) (2021-324) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Private Health Facilities Amendment \(Reportable Incidents\) Regulation 2021](#) (2021-325) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Public Health Amendment \(COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings\) Regulation \(No 3\) 2021](#) (2021-326) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Unlawful Gambling Regulation 2021](#) (2021-329) — published LW 25 June 2021

[Weapons Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2021](#) (2021-331) — published LW 25 June 2021

Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament – 25 June 2021

[Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Local Government Elections\) Bill 2021](#)

Bills assented to

[Families, Communities and Disability Services Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2021 No 16](#) — Assented to 23 June 2021

[Mutual Recognition \(New South Wales\) Amendment Act 2021 No 17](#) — Assented to 23 June 2021

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

Bills assented to

[Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Local Government Elections\) Act 2021 No 20](#) — Assented to 28 June 2021

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