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IN THE MEDIA

Amendments needed to sexual discrimination bill

The Law Council acknowledges the publication of Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee's Report on the Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021. However, the Law Council believes that amendments are necessary for the Bill to achieve its stated objectives. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-statements/amendments-needed-to-sexual-discrimination-bill>

LCA: Government to reinstate measures allowing for virtual meetings and electronic document execution

Steps taken by the Australian Government to reinstate temporary measures that will allow companies to use technology to meet regulatory requirements to hold general meetings, distribute meeting related materials and validly execute documents are positive moves for business and the investing public. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/government-to-reinstate-measures-allowing-for-virtual-meetings-and-electronic-document-execution>

LCA: Closing the Gap: additional funding a step in the right direction

A new funding package worth over \$1 billion and announced by the government as part of the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan, is a good start but still does not address the level of need within the community. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/closing-the-gap-additional-funding-a-step-in-the-right-direction>

National approach to prevent elder abuse needs to be a priority

Committed to tackling elder abuse occurring across the country, a national Roundtable convened by the Law Council of Australia, has recommended that the Commonwealth, state and territory Attorneys-General make the development of nationally consistent laws governing enduring powers of attorney a priority. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/national-approach-to-prevent-elder-abuse-needs-to-be-a-priority>

PJCIS in agreement with the Law Council

The recently tabled PJCIS Advisory Report on the Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2020 has overwhelmingly endorsed the key reforms recommended by the Law Council of Australia. The Committee's recommendations recognise and agree with the Law Council's primary concern that the proposed legislative framework does not meet the essential requirements of proportionality. <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/pjcis-in-agreement-with-the-law-council>

Commission welcomes ParentsNext Inquiry recommendations

The Australian Human Rights Commission has welcomed the release of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' Inquiry report on the ParentsNext program, which makes two recommendations, including that participation in the ParentsNext program be voluntary, rather than compulsory. <https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/commission-welcomes-parentsnext-inquiry-recommendations>

Keeping kids safe and well: National Children's Commissioner consulting with children, young people and their families

Keeping kids safe and well - your voices is a national consultation project which will inform the first five-year implementation plan to the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children (2009-2020) successor plan, currently being developed by all Australian governments. Children and young people had valuable insights to inform policy development, and they had a right to have their views heard. <https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/keeping-kids-safe-and-well-national-childrens-commissioner-consulting-children-young>

NSW**Increased fines, test and isolate payments and new compliance measures as NSW battles Delta**

Increased fines of up to \$5,000 for COVID breaches, \$320 COVID-19 Test and Isolate Support Payments, permits to enter regional NSW and a heightened police presence will be introduced, as NSW continues to battle the Delta variant. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/increased-fines-test-and-isolate-payments-and-new-compliance-measures-as-nsw-battles>

Greater protection and financial support for commercial tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19

The NSW Government will re-introduce the National Cabinet's Mandatory Code of Conduct for Commercial Leasing to mandate rent relief for eligible tenants impacted by COVID-19. <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/Damien%20Tudehope%20med%20rel%20-%20Greater%20protections%20and%20financial%20support%20for%20commercial%20tenants%20and%20landlords%20impacted%20by%20COVID19.pdf>

Simple law reform significantly reduces District Court workload

A simple change to allow certain offences to be prosecuted in the Local Court, rather than requiring them to be heard in the Higher Courts, has reduced the workload of the District Court by over 1,000 matters in 18 months and a significant reduction in the time it takes to finalise these matters. https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_media_releases/2021/mr-second-tranche-Table-Offences-Reform.aspx

Support for legal and domestic violence groups in NSW

More than 70 organisations providing legal advice or domestic violence support have now been awarded \$4.45 million in grants to modernise and expand their operations. <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/support-for-legal-and-domestic-violence-groups>

Privacy Commissioner Statement on NSW Department of Education cyber incident

The Privacy Commissioner is aware of the cyber incident affecting the NSW Department of Education and understands that investigations into the breach are continuing and the Department is working closely with Cyber Security NSW. <https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/statements/privacy-commissioner-statement-nsw-department-education-cyber-incident>

IN PRACTICE AND COURTS**Commencement of the new Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia**

The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia has released a full package of details outlining the changes to court operations that will occur on the commencement of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) from 1 September.

[Update to the family law profession: Commencement of the new FCFCOA](#)

The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia released information last week outlining changes to court operations that will occur on the commencement of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) from 1 September 2021. The attached provides an overview of changes to the FCFCOA's harmonised rules, practice directions, forms and website.

A new website – fcfcoa.gov.au

A new website will be launched for 1 September which has been designed to provide users with simplified access to, and navigation of, court information. The single website will make it easier for the profession, litigants and the public to source specific information about family law, migration and general federal law.

Attorney-General Appointments**[Nomination to the International Court of Justice](#)**

11 August 2021 - The independent Australian National Group – has nominated Professor Hilary Charlesworth AM FASSA for election as a Judge of the International Court of Justice.

[Appointment to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia](#)

7 August 2021 - Ms Allyson Ladhams has been appointed as a judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia (FCC).

[Reappointment of Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner](#)

6 August 2021 - Ms Angelene Falk has been reappointed as Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner for a period of three years.

[Strengthening Australia's cyber security regulations and incentives: Discussion Paper](#)

Interested stakeholders are invited to provide a submission to the discussion paper, Strengthening Australia's cyber security regulations and incentives. Submissions on the discussion paper can be made via our submission form before 27 August 2021.

[Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications: Draft Online Safety \(Basic Online Safety Expectations\) Determination 2021 consultation](#)

We are seeking submissions on an exposure draft of the Online Safety (Basic Online Safety Expectations) Determination 2021. The draft determination sets out the government's demands for providers that offer a social media service, "relevant electronic service" or "designated internet service", including the nine principle-based "core expectations" included in the Act. Submissions to the consultation close on 15 October 2021.

[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.

Law Council of Australia Submissions

29 July 2021— Law Council

[Use of the term 'good faith' in civil penalty and criminal offence provisions in Commonwealth legislation](#)

21 July 2021— Law Council

[Discussion Papers – Approach to Liability and Governance Issues](#)

21 July 2021— Law Council

[A new decision-making framework for property matters in family law](#)

[AAT Bulletin- Issue No. 16/2021, 9 August 2021](#)

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 06 August 2021 .

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

[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](#)

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

[COVID-19: Information for Attending Court - Friday 13 August 2021](#)

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 the amended Children's Court.

[NCAT Update - Increased use of video conference hearings](#)

NCAT's Consumer and Commercial Division will be conducting more hearings over video. From 16 August 2021, all tenancy and general matter conciliation and first listings will be held by video or telephone. Parties will have the option to join the video hearing or dial in.

[Protocols for virtual proceedings](#)

Virtual proceedings are still formal environments and, wherever possible, the usual etiquette and protocols should be observed. The Supreme Court Fact Sheet on Virtual Courtrooms includes the following protocols as a guide for practitioners Read the fact sheet [here](#).

Supreme Court Appointments

11/08/2021 [New Chief Judge at Common Law appointment](#)

12/08/2021 [Leading Sydney silk to be next NSW DPP](#)

[NSW Court of Appeal Publications](#)

The NSW Court of Appeal has published its latest Decisions of Interest Bulletin on the Court of Appeal website.

[Costs Disputes – Uniform Law - Indexed Amounts](#)

Sections 291, 292 and 293 of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) relate to costs disputes. The amounts have again been indexed for the financial year 1/7/2021 - 30/6/2022. The Legal Profession Uniform Law (Indexed Amounts) Notice 2021 has been published.

[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. Procedural Direction 10 is available here.

[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. Have your say to 31 December 2021

[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 13 August 2021 Prosecution outcomes web table (13 August 2021)

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

The fourth New South Wales Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme will remain in effect until 30 June 2025. You can learn more about the scheme here.

PUBLISHED – ARTICLES, PAPERS, REPORTS

[Advisory report on the Surveillance Legislation Amendment \(Identify and Disrupt\) Bill 2020](#)

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security; handed down on 12 August 2021. Changes include greater oversight of the new powers by both the committee and watchdogs, and a level of assurance the laws will only be used to target the most serious of offences. If passed in its current form, both agencies will be able to take control of a person's online account to gather evidence about serious offences, as well as to add, copy, delete or alter material.

[ParentsNext: examination of Social Security \(Parenting payment participation requirements – class of persons\) Instrument 2021](#)

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' Inquiry report: released August 2021.

The report, makes two recommendations, including that participation in the ParentsNext program be voluntary, rather than compulsory. The Commission said that the compulsory method was flawed and there were less restrictive alternative approaches available, such as incentive based models. ParentsNext: examination of Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – class of persons) Instrument 2021.

[Australian Government COVID-19 disaster payments: a quick guide](#)

Michael Klappdor; Parliamentary Library Research Publication: 04 August 2021

This Quick Guide was updated on 4 August 2021 to reflect changes to the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, and provides background to both COVID-19 disaster payments setting out their eligibility criteria, payment rates, and administration arrangements.

[The second tranche of the Table Offences Reform: Impacts on District and Local Court finalisations, time to finalisation and sentencing outcomes](#)

Clare Ringland; Bureau Brief No. BB156: August 2021
Court processes and delay; Evaluation reports;
Sentencing - court processes and delay, legislative evaluation, sentencing.

[The impact of the Early Appropriate Guilty Plea reforms on guilty pleas, time to justice, and District Court finalisations](#)

Ilya Klauzner and Steve Yeong; Crime and Justice Bulletin No. CJB240: August 2021.

Court processes and delay; Evaluation reports - Court processes and delay, Legislative evaluation, District Court.

[Early Appropriate Guilty Plea reform program - Process evaluation](#)

Lily Trimboli, Crime and Justice Bulletin No. CJB238: August 2021

Evaluation reports; Court processes and delay - early guilty pleas, process evaluation, charge certification, criminal case conferencing, continuous legal representation, sentencing discounts, court delay.

[ABA National Brief – 09 August 2021](#)

The ABA issues regular news updates to its members.

CASES

[EPR v Commissioner of Police \[2021\] NSWCATAD 237](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - privacy – NSW Police Force exemption under s27 PPIP Act from IPP 11 – what is an “administrative” function.

[Pedraza v Macquarie University \[2021\] NSWCATAD 233](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – equal opportunity – whether leave required for complaint to proceed – principles applying to grant of leave.

[Pollard v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force \[2021\] NSWCATAD 227](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Where respondent applied for order under s 59 of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 that it not be required to lodge a confidential document - Where respondent also applied for non-publication and non-disclosure orders – Where it appeared that respondent wanted to rely upon the confidential document but not to disclose it to applicant – Whether application for order under s 59 misconceived – Where document could reveal a confidential source of information EXTENSION OF TIME – Where respondent did not conduct an internal review in the four months following the internal review application - Where applicant lodged application to Tribunal out of time in absence of internal review report – Where respondent did not object to extension of time

[Jinling McDonald v Denehurst Limited \(Deregistered\) & Ors \[2021\] NSWDDT 4](#)

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION – whether the Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales has jurisdiction to order pursuant to s 601AH(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) that the Australian Securities Investments Commission reinstate the registration of a deregistered corporation – the difference between a “Court” and a “court” under s 58AA of the Corporations Act – operation of ss 10(6) and 10(7) of the Dust Diseases.

[EFQ \(a pseudonym\) v Medical Council of New South Wales \[2021\] NSWCA 167](#)

CIVIL PROCEDURE – application for leave to appeal from an interlocutory decision of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal of NSW – where Tribunal refused to grant the applicant an extension of time in which to appeal from a decision of the Medical Council of NSW, which had imposed a condition on the applicant's registration as a health practitioner that she not practise medicine – PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE – Procedural fairness – whether there had been a breach of procedural fairness by the Medical Council of NSW in conducting a hearing pursuant to s 150 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW) in the applicant's absence – whether there was a breach of procedural fairness in the Council denying the applicant's request for an adjournment of that hearing – where applicant had been given sufficient notice of the hearing and where her application for an adjournment was raised only a day before the hearing was scheduled – where Tribunal was correct to conclude that there was no breach of procedural fairness by the Council.

[FlyBlue Management Pty Ltd v NSW Crown Lands Department \[2021\] NSWCATAD 226](#)

PROCEDURE – time limits – application under Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) – where application lodged out of time – principles to be applied – whether reasonable excuse for the delay in making the application. Government Information (Information Commissioner) Act 2009; Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009; Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013.

[Shaw v Secretary, Department of Education \[2021\] NSWCATAD 224](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – access to government information – access applications – conclusive presumption – overriding public interest considerations against disclosure – child protection – legal professional privilege – balancing exercise – public interest considerations in favour of disclosure – public interests considerations against disclosure – whether overriding public interest against disclosure.

[Eliezer v The Council of St Andrew's Cathedral School \[2021\] NSWCA 144](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – application for orders in the nature of certiorari quashing decision of District Court dismissing an appeal from the Small Claims Division of the Local Court and the decision of the Local Court for jurisdictional error and error of law on the face of the record – where appeal to District Court lies only on basis of lack of jurisdiction or denial of procedural fairness – where applicants contended District Court judge misapprehended the meaning of “lack of jurisdiction”, failed to make a bona fide assessment of the grounds of appeal and failed to give adequate reasons – where applicants’ challenge to the Local Court decision out of time – where applicants contended that Local Court assessor failed to take into account “jurisdictional facts”, gave judgment notwithstanding notice of an alleged counter claim or set-off and otherwise invalidly exercised jurisdiction.

LEGISLATION

Commonwealth

Bills

[Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Party Registration Integrity\) Bill 2021](#)

HR 12 August 2021 - The Bill amends the registration eligibility requirements for a federal non-Parliamentary party. These amendments increase the minimum membership requirements for registration from 500 to 1500 unique members. The Bill also amends the prohibitions regarding registrable names, abbreviations, and logos. Electoral Legislation Amendment (Party Registration Integrity) Bill 2021

[Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Political Campaigners\) Bill 2021](#)

HR 12 August 2021 - The Bill reduces the thresholds for electoral expenditure that can be incurred by an individual or organisation before they are required to

register as a political campaigner.

The amendments are intended to enhance public confidence in Australia’s political processes by aligning transparency requirements for political actors who seek to influence the outcome of an election to more closely resemble those for political parties, candidates, and members of Australian Parliament.

[Ransomware Payments Bill 2021 \(No. 2\)](#)

HR 12 August 2021 - 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.

[Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(Sunsetting Review and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)

HR 12 August 2021 - Amends the Criminal Code Act 1995 to extend the operation of the declared areas provisions for a further 3 years and the control order regime and the preventative detention orders (PDO) regime for a further 15 months; Intelligence Services Act 2001 to provide that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review the operation, effectiveness and proportionality of the declared areas provisions prior to their sunset date; Crimes Act 1914 to extend the operation of the stop, search and seizure powers for a further 15 months; and Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 to extend the reporting date for the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor’s review of continuing detention orders for high risk terrorist offenders to as soon as practicable after 7 December 2021.

[Charter of the United Nations Amendment Bill 2021](#)

HR 11 August 2021 - The Amendment Bill clarifies the process by which CT listings are made and puts beyond doubt any question of the application and enforceability of validly made listings to ensure that Australia’s Part 4 COTUNA counter-terrorism legislative framework is able to operate as intended by Parliament to prevent and respond to the financing of terrorism.

[Human Rights \(Targeted Sanctions\) Bill 2021](#)

Senate 11 August 2021 - The purpose of this Bill is to provide a framework for nominations of persons responsible for serious human rights abuses or serious corruption to the Foreign Minister, requiring a statement as to whether the Australian Government will impose targeted sanctions on those persons.

[Human Rights \(Children Born Alive Protection\) Bill 2021](#)

HR 09 August 2021 - The Bill seeks to enshrine an offence for health practitioners that contravene the duty to provide medical care or treatment to a child born alive. More explicitly, the Bill codifies the duty and conduct of medical professionals Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2021.

[International Human Rights and Corruption \(Magnitsky Sanctions\) Bill 2021](#)

Senate 03 August 2021 - A Bill for an Act to enable Australia to impose sanctions to promote compliance with international human rights law and respect for human rights or to deter significant corruption, and for related purposes International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2021.

NSW

Regulations and other miscellaneous instruments

[Public Health Amendment \(COVID-19 Penalty Notice Offences\) Regulation \(No 2\) 2021](#) (2021-441) — published LW 11 August 2021

[Public Holidays Amendment \(COVID-19 Revocations\) Order 2021](#) (2021-440) — published LW 11 August 2021

[Subordinate Legislation \(Postponement of Repeal\) Order 2021](#) (2021-450) — published LW 13 August 2021

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