

Regulations of Western Australia, and cross-references are provided to AMPLA (the Resources and Energy Law Association) articles.

The law stated in this edition is current as of 1 July 2015. All lawyers dealing with the Australian resources sector should find this updated edition of invaluable assistance.

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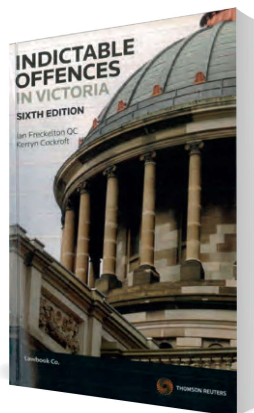
Australian Environmental Law: Norms, Principles and Rules

DE Fisher, *Australian Environmental Law: Norms, Principles and Rules* (3rd edn), 2016, Thomson Reuters, pb \$150

Published in 2014 as a third edition, and now revised in 2016, a fourth edition of this book is almost due. It is not a book to be quickly skimmed for an answer as a reference text, but instead provides a detailed thematic examination of norms and principles.

The rapidity of change in environmental law in the past two years means that the book does not update readers on important developments such as:

- The EPA and the *Climate Change Act 2010* have been reviewed since 2014 and targets set under the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target 2010*.
- The presumption against retrospectivity in the context of clean-up of contaminated land has been varied by *Premier Building & Consulting Pty Ltd v Spotless Group Ltd* (2007) 64 ACSR 114 and *Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board v Yarra City Council & Ors* [2015] VSC 773.
- Polluters and former polluters need to be aware that statutory liability for remediation remains with the polluter, regardless of whether the pollution occurred prior to the commencement of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*



(Vic), whether the site has been vacated, relinquished or sold and regardless of other contractual arrangements dealing with potential land contamination (*MFESB v Yarra City Council* [2015] VSC 773).

- The discussion about “ecological justice” should also include “restorative justice” and “disaster justice”, a concept that has increasing relevance in the Australian context and our fire-prone landscape.

In light of such rapid change, the time may be ripe for a fourth edition.

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Indictable Offences in Victoria

Ian Freckelton QC and Kerryn Cockcroft, *Indictable Offences in Victoria* (6th edn), 2016, Lawbook Co. Thomson Reuters, pb \$225

This edition is an indispensable resource for students and legal professionals working in criminal law in Victoria. The first section covers topics including: summary hearing of indictable offences, committal proceedings, joinder, inchoate offences, complicity, alibi evidence, coincidence and tendency evidence, expert evidence, rape shield evidence, sentencing and confiscation.

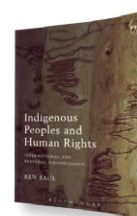
The remainder comprises chapters covering Victoria's 232 indictable offences and those arising at common law. Every entry lists the legislative offence provision (if applicable), the wording of the charge, alternative charges, penalty and essential points of proof. A “Notes” section provides background information on the offence's legislative or common law history, common defences, concepts and definitions.

The authors' exhaustive research ensures that this text will remain the touchstone reference on indictable offences in Victoria. ■

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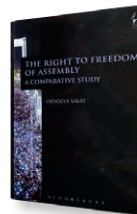


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