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HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LAW JOURNAL: THE 1930S – PART I: CONSOLIDATION AND GROWTH

Larissa Reid

This article examines the Australian Law Journal during the 1930s, a decade in which the Journal consolidated its place at the centre of Australia’s emerging national legal community. Under the editorship of Bernard Sugerman, the ALJ responded to the practical demands of the Great Depression while also fostering professional identity, legal scholarship and national conversation. The article considers the Journal’s treatment of financial emergency legislation, its support for the Law Council of Australia and the Australian Legal Conventions, its expanding range of contributors and subject matter, and its careful avoidance of partisan political commentary during a turbulent period. 277

THE POTENTIAL USE OF MISLEADING AND DECEPTIVE CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS WITH REFERENCE TO NET-ZERO STATEMENTS

Natania Locke

The article explores the legal implications of net-zero statements made by corporations, examining the criteria under which these statements can be considered misleading or deceptive according to the Corporations Act 2001 Cth Corporations Act and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 Cth ASIC Act . It highlights the complexity of proving misleading conduct and provides several recommendations for corporations. These include supporting net-zero statements with evidence, ensuring a reasonable basis for future statements, including clear and prominent disclaimers, and regularly reviewing and updating statements to reflect new information. The article also emphasises the importance of transparency and integrity in corporate climate commitments and advises corporations to follow non-legislative guidance and avoid over-reliance on unproven technologies. By adhering to these recommendations, corporations can enhance the credibility of their net-zero statements and reduce the risk of legal challenges, ultimately supporting effective climate action. 302

PROTECTION OF MOVEABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE: GIVE ME BACK MY MARBLES

Nye Perram and Nakul Bhagwat

A current controversy is the question of whether the United Kingdom should return to the Republic of Greece a collection of marble sculptures and other items removed by Lord Elgin from sites atop the Acropolis in Athens including the Parthenon. As we explain, the removal of these items was a drawn-out affair occurring in dribs and drabs between the years 1801 and 1804. Eventually, Lord Elgin sold them to the British Museum where they remain to this day. The purpose of this paper is to explain the history of the Parthenon, the Marbles, their removal to the United Kingdom, the current dispute and its legal dimensions. 321

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