



# The New Australian Consumer Law

## Impact on the Public Sector in Queensland

The introduction of the proposed Australian Consumer Law represents a major shift in Australian consumer regulation, ushering in a new national unfair contracts regime and replacing existing fair trading and consumer protection legislation throughout Australia with a new national law. The new Australian Consumer Law will have a major impact on both Queensland Public Sector agencies and Government Owned Corporations.

In this seminar, we will explain the consequences of the coming brave new world of harmonised consumer regulation for the public sector in Queensland. In particular, we will:

- examine the proposed new unfair contracts regime, which is likely to have a significant impact on government agencies (particularly utilities) entering standard form contracts with consumers
- consider the implications of the repeal of existing Queensland fair trading and consumer protection legislation and move towards national fair trading and consumer protection laws for Queensland Public Sector agencies and GOCs and suggest strategies for navigating through the consumer law reform process

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