

Consumer Protection and Trade Practices Legislation: Comment Sought

The Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Industry Science and Tourism has released a report entitled *Audit of Consumer Protection Laws: Second report identifying inconsistencies, gaps and overlaps in Australian consumer protection legislation*. The report examines the 'post-sale' provisions which protect consumers after they have purchased goods or services.

The report identifies inconsistencies in Commonwealth, state and territory legislation in this area and seeks to prompt discussions on these variations.

Comment on the issues raised in the report is required by 28 November. The Law Society has a copy of the report for any practitioner interested in making comment.

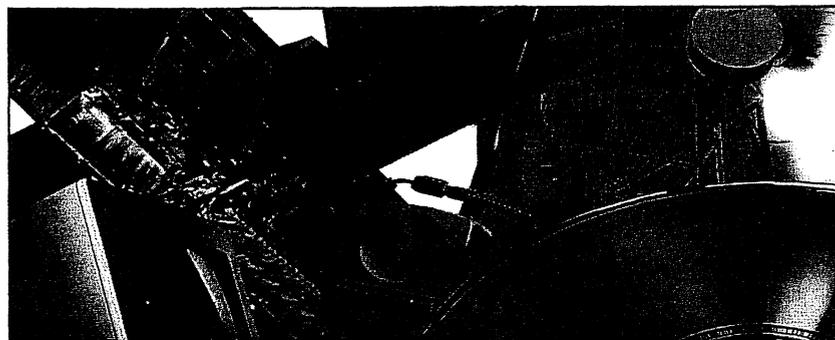
In addition, the Consumers Affairs Division has released a legislative outline for amendments to the Trade Practices Act 1974 as announced in the governments *New Deal: Fair Deal* statement. The Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs, Senator Chris Ellison has called for comment on the proposed changes contained in the outline.

The deadline for comment is 14 November. A copy of the outline may be obtained from the Law Society.

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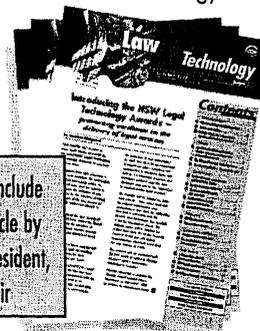
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