

Preface

The idea for this book arose out of our perception that there was a lack of Australian legal texts covering this area of the law. It was apparent that there were no textbooks in Australia specifically devoted to the kind of intentional torts commonly arising out of the exercise of police powers. Reference to these intentional torts was largely confined to commentary within broader publications dealing with the subject of torts as a whole.

In that context, we sought to create an Australian legal text that specifically addressed the topic. The purpose of the book is to provide an introduction to, and summary of, the law of these high frequency intentional torts in Australia. The book aims to serve as a practical guide to these intentional torts, with a view to making this area of practice more accessible to all lawyers. It is also hoped that the book will assist students encountering this area of the law for the first time.

There have been significant legislative developments in recent times through the introduction of civil liability legislation throughout Australia. These changes have further complicated the practice of law in this area. The book aims to provide guidance as to how this legislation practically impacts on the conduct of intentional tort litigation.

The book covers, as far as possible, the law up to 31 August 2015.

We hope you find the book useful.

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