

From the Editor

Welcome to the 40th issue of BuildLaw® in which we draw on the experience and expertise of leading experts in the field to bring you commentary, articles and reviews on topical matters relating to construction law.

In this issue we look at the basis on which interest can be claimed in construction contract disputes and we discuss the changes announced by the government in April to stimulate the construction and infrastructure sectors post COVID-19.

We feature an insightful article by Bassam Maghzal, which discusses the 'examination of issues associated with the use of NZS Conditions of Contract' report delivered in August last year. Maghzal comments on the state of the construction and infrastructure sectors and reviews steps which have been, and which could be, taken to address the issues raised by the report.

We feature reviews of three new publications by eminent construction law author Donald Charrett and we review some recent noteworthy Construction Contracts Act cases.

In Case In Brief we look at *Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Pty Ltd v Bulgana Wind Farm Pty Ltd* [2020] VSC 126 in which the Victorian Supreme Court recently confirmed as good law the 'true rule' of contract construction that was established in 1982 in *Codelfa Construction Pty Ltd v State Rail Authority of New South Wales*.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors. We are most grateful for the support we receive from dispute resolution professional, law firms, and publishers, locally and overseas, that allows us to share with you papers and articles of a world class standard, and to bring you a broad perspective on the law and evolving trends in the delivery and practice of domestic and international dispute resolution and construction law.

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