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**Phelps v Development Consent Authority & Ors** - Planning Act (NT) (C)

## Summaries with links (5 minute read)

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### Australian Competition & Consumer Commission v Global One Mobile Entertainment Ltd [2011] FCA 393

Federal Court of Australia

Bennett J (in Sydney)

*Trade Practices Act* 1974 (Cth): the Act was replaced by *Competition & Consumer Act* 2010 (Cth) from 1 January 2011 by operation of *Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Act* (No 2) 2010 (Cth): however, pursuant to s7(1) of Schedule 7 of the *Amendment Act*, the Act continued to apply to these proceedings - contraventions - television advertisements broadcast by mobile

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content services providers including advertisement by which consumers could obtain song as mobile phone ringtone - liability - pecuniary penalties. <u>Global One Mobile Entertainment</u> (I, B)

#### Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v The Ship "Beluga Notification" [2011] FCA 410

Federal Court of Australia Buchanan J (in Sydney) Admiralty - arrest of ship - mortgage - application by Admiralty Marshal to move vessel to another port granted. <u>Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale</u> (I, B)

#### Cutler v Donric Pty Ltd [2011] FCA 396

Federal Court of Australia

Marshall J (in Melbourne)

Costs - moving party sent emails advising would not be attending court & would not be represented - application of respondent for costs pursuant to s666(1) *Workplace Relations Act* 1996 (Cth) dismissed.

Cutler (I, B, C)

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#### Maricic v the Registrar, Workers Compensation Commission [2011] NSWCA 42

Court of Appeal of New South Wales

Beazley, Hodgson & Campbell JJA

*Workplace Injury Management & Workers Compensation Act* 1998 (NSW) - medical assessment - appeal against decision of approved medical specialist - obligation of appeal panel to afford procedural fairness - no breach of obligation - appeal dismissed.

Maricic (I)

<u>Maricic</u> - decision 8 September 2009: see 'Benchmark' I & IBC Thursday 10 September 2009 - plaintiff seeking to set aside two decisions of Appeal Panel of Workers Compensation Commission - plaintiff had applied for reconsideration of its original decision - review of original medical assessment - member of Appeal Panel conducted medical examination pursuant to s324(3) - Appeal Panel declined to alter its decision - no denial of procedural fairness - application dismissed - case law considered including *Estate of Heinrich Christian Joseph Brockmann v Brockmann Metal Roofing Pty Limited & Ors* [2006] NSWSC 235 & *Skillen v MKT Removals Pty Ltd* [2007] NSWSC 608.

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#### Frontier Assets Pty Ltd v Fishburn [2011] NSWSC 334

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Harrison J

Costs - whether respondent ought to pay applicant's reasonable loss & expense incurred in complying with subpoena - answer 'yes.'

Frontier Assets (I, B, C)

<u>Frontier Assets</u> - decision 22 March 2011: see 'Benchmark' Friday 25 March 2011 - subpoenas - entitlement of third party to claim loss & expense incurred in complying with subpoena - analysis of *Uniform Civil Procedure Rule* 33.11.

#### Supercar International Holdings Ltd v Sommers; Tinkler Group Holdings Pty Ltd v Sommers [2011] NSWSC 336

Supreme Court of New South Wales White J

*Fair Trading Act* 1987 (NSW) - s729 *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) - share purchase agreement - service contracts - two proceedings heard together - alleged misappropriation - use of motor vehicles - subscription deed - alleged warranties - conversion - detinue - oppression - His Honour's conclusions set out at para. 221 of judgment.

Supercar International Holdings (B)

#### Koutroulis v Transport Accident Commission [2011] VSC 159

Supreme Court of Victoria

Kaye J

*Transport Accident Act* 1986 (Vic) - "transport accident" - appellant's arm caught in bus door while alighting from bus - appellant contending Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal erred in finding that she was injured as a result of transport accident - appeal allowed. <u>Koutroulis</u> (I)

#### Qantas Airways Ltd v Portelli [2011] VSC 162

Supreme Court of Victoria

Habersberger J

*Accident Compensation Act* 1985 (Vic) - legal professional privilege - appeal from order by Magistrates' Court to provide copy of medical report - questions of law - whether s104B(2)(g) abrogated legal professional privilege - appeal dismissed.

Qantas Airways (I)

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#### Brisbane City Council v City Point Hotels Pty Ltd [2011] QSC 93

Supreme Court of Queensland

Margaret Wilson J

*City of Brisbane Act* 1924 (Qld) - water, sewerage & drainage rates & charges - fire service levy - defendant property owner converted commercial office building into multi-storey residential building - application for summary judgment dismissed.

Brisbane City Council (B, C)

#### Fugro Spatial Solutions Pty Ltd v Cifuentes [2011] WASCA 102

Court of Appeal of Western Australia

Martin CJ, McLure P, Mazza J

Negligence - apportionment of liability - pure economic loss - *Law Reform (Contributory Negligence & Tortfeasors' Contribution) Act* 1947 (WA) - appeals from orders in two Supreme Court actions arising out of crash of Cessna 404 Titan twin-engine aircraft near Jandakot Airport - second appellant the pilot employed by first appellant - five passengers on board all employed by first-named sixth respondent who had taken an assignment of second-named sixth respondent's causes of action - appeal allowed in part - sixth respondent's cross-appeal dismissed - seventh respondent aero-nautical engineer's cross-appeal allowed in part.

Fugro Spatial Solutions (I, C)

<u>Cifuentes</u> - decision 11 November 2009: see 'Benchmark' I, C & IBC Friday 13 November 2009 - personal injuries - contract - s74 *Trade Practices Act* 1974 (Cth) - duty of care as to economic loss - apportionment of liability between tortfeasors - charter hire of aircraft - in 2003 Cessna twin-engine aircraft crashed just east of Jandakot Airport - whether pilot negligent - failure of fuel pump - defendant Mr. Barclay aeronautical engineer employed by Aeronautical Engineers Australia Pty Ltd - expert evidence - claim for loss of aircraft - all five passengers on board employees of sixth plaintiffs ("Nautronix") - two passengers died, others suffered burn injuries - *Fatal Accidents Act* 1959 (WA) - claim by Nautronix against Fugro Spatial Solutions as to charter contract for hire of aircraft: that claim for breach of contract dismissed - findings as to liability & contribution at paras. 433 to 488 in relation to CIV:1312/2008 & CIV:2279/2009.

#### McKay v Western Australian Planning Commission [2011] WASC 109

Supreme Court of Western Australia

Kenneth Martin J

*Planning & Development Act* 2005 (WA) - claim for injurious affection over land at North Yunderup - dispute as to whether or not final & determinative input, as regards s179(1)(b), is provided by Board of Valuers valuation work under s183(1) - statutory interpretation - *Commercial Arbitration* 

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*Act* 1985 (WA) - appointment of Arbitrator deferred - points of law at issue of general importance to many compensation cases - referral of questions to Court of Appeal. <u>McKay</u>(C)

#### Wireton Holdings Pty Limited v Price & Ors [2011] ACTSC 65

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Higgins CJ

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Contracts for sale - penthouse unit at Turner in Australian Capital Territory - *Building Act* 2004 (ACT) - *A New Tax System (Goods & Services Tax) Act* 1999 (Cth) - whether, as at the date of the notice to complete, plaintiff was in breach of its obligations so as to be disentitled to issue it - plaintiff entitled to require completion & to terminate contract upon default - damages. Wireton Holdings (C)

#### Phelps v Development Consent Authority & Ors [2011] NTSC 34

Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

Kelly J

*Planning Act* (NT) - appellant owner of land in the vicinity of Knuckey Lagoons south of Darwin seeking consent to subdivide his land - Development Consent Authority had refused consent - appeals in Land Planning & Mining Tribunal & Supreme Court - appeal dismissed. Pdf (C)

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