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**Roads Corporation v Love** - Land Acquisition & Compensation Act 1986 (Vic) - Market value of land-Compensation (I, B, C)

State of Queensland v RAF - Limitation of Actions Act 1974 (Qld) - personal injuries (I)

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Metroplex Management Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Ors - Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld) - appeal allowed (C)

**Vu v Nominal Defendant & NRMA Insurance Ltd** - Limitation of actions - ss73 & s109(3)(a) *Motor Accidents Compensation Act* 1999 (I)

### Summaries with links (5 minute read)

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### <u>Federal Treasury Enterprise (FKP) Sojuzplodoimport v Spirits International</u> BV [2010] FCA 1293

Federal Court of Australia

Edmonds J (in Sydney)

Application for determination of separate questions - trademarks including 'the Stolichnaya Label Mark' - Russian judgments - interests of efficient case management of this proceeding - application by cross-claimants for separate determination of four questions granted.

Federal Treasury Enterprise Sojuzplodoimport (B)

#### Yara Australia Pty Ltd v Burrup Holdings Ltd (No 2) [2010] FCA 1304

Federal Court of Australia

Barker J (in Perth)

Application for continuation of confidentiality orders – s50 Federal Court Act 1976 - Hogan v Australian Crime Commission [2010] HCA 21; (2010) 240 CLR 651 - discharge of order for confidentiality initially made on 12 November 2010, & varied on 17 November 2010 - in its place, orders as set out in paragraph 33 made.

Yara Australia (B)

<u>Yara Australia</u> - decision 18 November 2010 - applications for interlocutory relief under shareholders deed & s1324(4) *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) dismissed - order for inspection of books under s247A(1) in respect of first respondent.

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### Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW v Birchfield; Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW v Dunlop [2010] NSWSC 1253

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Davies I

Road Rules 2008 (NSW) - traffic signs & notices - offences - whether signs made in accordance with Road Rule 105 - whether traffic signs amounted to instruments - whether traffic signs should be read down to be within the power of the Rules - appeal from magistrate's decision dismissing charges - necessity for strict or substantial compliance of signs with Road Rules - magistrate not in error in dismissing charges.

Roads and Traffic Authority (I)

#### XY v Featherstone [2010] NSWSC 1366

Supreme Court of New South Wales

McCallum J

Personal injuries - assessment of damages - psychiatric injuries - sexual abuse while plaintiff a ward of the State - judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$2,405,912, being \$2,963,412 less deduction from that sum of benefit obtained by plaintiff (net of legal costs) from settlement with second defendant.

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#### Willis & Anor v Teparyl Pty Ltd & Ors [2010] VSCA 318

Court of Appeal of Victoria

Mandie & Hansen JJA; Vickery AJA

Guarantees - lease - assignment - line of case law relating to right of recoupment considered in judgment of Mandie JA - appeal dismissed.

Willis (I, B, C)

<u>Teparyl</u> - decision 3 July 2009 - release did not have effect of releasing the assignee's guarantors.

#### Tebb v Filsee Pty Ltd & Anor; Tebb v KKV Pty Ltd & Anor [2010] VSCA 311

Court of Appeal of Victoria

Nettle, Redlich & Harper JJA

Guarantees - damages for repudiation of lease - measure of damages - appeal dismissed.

Tebb (I, B, C)

KKV - County Court decision 15 July 2009: [2009] VCC 0791

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#### Roads Corporation v Love [2010] VSC 537

Supreme Court of Victoria

Vickery J

Land Acquisition & Compensation Act 1986 (Vic) - respondent claiming \$30,420,000.00 by way of compensation for loss of market value of his land - applicant Corporation contending compensation for loss of market value should be in the sum of \$2.5 million - total compensation awarded \$2,822,042.32.

Roads Corporation (I, B, C)

#### State of Queensland v RAF [2010] QCA 332

Court of Appeal of Queensland

McMurdo P, White JA & McMeekin J

Limitation of Actions Act 1974 (Qld) - personal injuries consequent upon sexual abuse - plaintiff alleging failure by relevant government department to protect her - whether primary judge had overlooked certain evidence, & thereby erred, in accepting expert medical opinion that respondent was under a relevant disability (s.29) - whether requirements of s31 satisfied, the primary attack being on whether the claimed material fact was decisive in the relevant sense - appeal dismissed.

State of Queensland (I)

#### Metroplex Management Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Ors [2010] QCA 333

Court of Appeal of Queensland

McMurdo P, Chesterman JA & Atkinson J

Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld) - applicant had sought preliminary approval for development of site of former Wacol Army Barracks, located near Ipswich motorway-Centenary highway interchange - applicant had appealed against Council's deemed refusal to Planning & Environment Court - whether application could be approved with excision of non-ancillary office space - where no traffic & infrastructure agreement was in place in respect of applicant's proposed development - whether the P & E Court had power to adjourn the hearing to allow further evidence to be adduced - appeal allowed - matter remitted.

Metroplex Management (C)

<u>Metroplex Management</u>- decision 11 November 2009: [2009] QPEC 110 - whether proposed uses appropriate, particularly having regard to provision for up to 98,000 m2 of offices not ancillary to industry or warehouse development - impact on road system - environmental values - appeal against Council's deemed refusal dismissed.

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#### From the District Court of New South Wales...

#### Vu v Nominal Defendant & NRMA Insurance Ltd [2010] NSWDC 262

District Court of New South Wales

Levy SC DCJ

Limitation of actions - ss73 & 109(3)(a) *Motor Accidents Compensation Act* 1999, - second defendant's application for dismissal of plaintiff's claim - whether full & satisfactory explanation for delays - *Zotti v Australian Associated Motor Insurers Ltd* [2009] NSWCA 323 - application by second defendant dismissed.

 $\underline{Vu}(I)$ 

Zotti - decision NSW Court of Appeal 8 October 2009: see 'Benchmark' I & IBC Monday 12 October 2009 - road accident cases - compulsory third party insurance - appellant in accident on his motorbike at intersection where less than two hours beforehand there had been another collision - whether appellant's accident fell within scope of *Motor Accidents Compensation Act* 1999 (NSW) - statutory interpretation - "collision" - "injury" - "as a result of" - "caused during" - appeal dismissed - detailed analysis of legislation, including from South Australia, Western Australia & Queensland - case law considered from the United Kingdom, United States of America & Australia.

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