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FOREWORD

The adoption in 2006 of substantially uniform defamation legislation in each state and territory of Australia effected significant changes to the country's law of defamation. Although enacted by each jurisdiction, one of the objects of each Act is to promote uniform laws of defamation throughout the nation.

Jurisprudence addressing the substantive implications of the new legislative regime is somewhat thin on the ground at this relatively early stage of the scheme's operation. Close analysis of the uniform provisions is necessary to understand the changes wrought by its enactment. It is essential in undertaking that process to be cognisant of the fact, and the extent to which, the uniform scheme has effected substantial change. While its analysis may be informed by the jurisprudence of the common law of defamation and former state and territory defamation statutes, aspects of which the new scheme reflects, it is the language and context of the new scheme which governs its interpretation.

Acknowledging that fundamental principle of statutory interpretation does not gainsay the continuing importance of a profound understanding of the historical development and application of principles of the law of defamation. Mr George's first edition of *Defamation Law in Australia* provided a solid foundation for such an understanding. His second edition builds upon that base. He has expanded aspects of the history of the law of defamation as well as brought the law up to date with both Australian and relevant international case law. This in itself makes the second edition an essential research tool.

The second edition contains a detailed exegesis of the 'law of privacy', to the extent to which it may be said that such a 'law' exists in Australia at least. This is timely in light of the publication by the Australian Government in September 2011 of an issues paper raising the question whether a statutory cause of action for privacy should be introduced or whether any cause of action for invasion of privacy should be left to development at common law. The Issues Paper recognises that the law of defamation, among others, affords some measure of privacy protection. As the foreword to the first edition of *Defamation Law in Australia* sought to explain, such protection was eroded, at least in some states and the Australian Capital Territory, by the adoption in the uniform defamation legislation of the common law defence of truth. It is not, however, the adoption of the common law defence which has aroused renewed interest in the topic of a statutory cause of action for privacy — a measure first advocated by the Australian Law Reform Commission in 1979 and repeated by it in 2008. Whatever be the impetus for reconsideration

of the issue, the insight afforded by the second edition into issues concerning such a cause of action, whether at common law or by statute, will be of great assistance in the debate the issues paper has already generated and will no doubt continue to generate.

Defamation Law in Australia is a well-researched, scholarly book whose experienced author brings to his task an abiding fascination with the law of defamation. It continues to be an invaluable work of reference.

The Hon Justice Ruth McColl AO
Court of Appeal
Supreme Court of New South Wales
September 2011

PREFACE

Time is a great teacher but unfortunately kills all its pupils.¹

The phone hacking scandal in the United Kingdom involving *News of the World* journalists exposed an obvious but often unstated truth about traditional media publishing. Newspapers, magazines, radio and television are all service industries:

... catering to the daily or monthly needs of a public that wants to be told what is new, what they should know about it, and what they should think about it. And in catering to that need ... a writer's loyalty is to the pressure of an immediate deadline, the style and tone of a publication, and the priorities of an editor. And an editor's loyalty is to a publisher. And a publisher's loyalty is to stockholders and circulation figures and advertising revenue ...²

The media operate in an extremely competitive environment. As a result, the commercial interests of the media are often in conflict with a journalist's ethical duties to be truthful and fair.

In this context, a respected journalist identified his own reputation as the basis upon which the conflict may be resolved:

Reputation [is] all you own as a human in any situation but especially as a journalist, so I guard it closely. Every person you meet is judging you on what you have done before and whether they feel you have betrayed anybody or acted unprofessionally. I could not care less if people do not like me or my stories, but I do want people to believe in my word and my honesty.³

The decision to attack another's reputation, with honesty and fairness in the exercise of freedom of speech, can take real courage. This is particularly so in the face of those of the rich and powerful who have reputations they do not deserve but who have the means to use the legal process to stop the truth from emerging.

Freedom of speech however is not an end in itself and needs to be weighed against other 'freedoms', such as the freedom from attack on reputation and freedom from invasion of privacy. Freedom of speech should not trump those other freedoms where it is used for dishonest or improper purposes or the means by which information is obtained is unlawful or unethical.

1. Louis Hector Berlioz.

2. Neil Strauss, 'Everybody loves you when you're dead', The Text Publishing Company, Melbourne, 2011, preamble.

3. Mark Davis (SBS Dateline), *Good Weekend*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 2 July 2011.

The protection of reputation and freedom of speech are difficult rights to balance. That balance requires discretion, wisdom and judgment. It is that judgment that is intended to be reflected in the legal principles that have been established by the courts under the common law and formulated by parliament in the Defamation Act 2005.

One of the leading judges in Australia in stating those principles is the Honourable Justice Ruth McColl AO of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, who has again kindly written the foreword to the second edition, having done so for the first edition.

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