

## **Book Review - Building and Construction Contracts in Australia Law and Practice, Dorter and Sharkey, Law Book Company, Release 1 November 1990.**

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The Law Book Company has issued the first release update material for the reference **Building and Construction Contracts in Australia Law and Practice** by Dorter and Sharkey [a book review of this reference was published in Issue #13 at page 5]. The price of Release 1 is \$65.00.

Release 1 contains replacement pages for most tabbed sections of the looseleaf reference. The update contains a number of important cases, mostly from 1989 and 1990. The release also expands the appendices by inclusion of the following:

- Building Works Contract - JCC A 1985, the Third print, issued August 1988;
- RAIA Client/Architect Agreement - Short Form, including conditions and fees, as revised March 1990;
- Practice Note No. 58, issued in February 1990 by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, relating to the Construction List.

Subscribers may recall that the book review published in Issue #13 criticised the extent and detail of the Index. In response to these comments (and perhaps similar comments by others), the authors and publishers have revised the Index. The Index goes now to greater detail than the previous version and is a welcome inclusion in Release 1.

Certainly, Release 1 vindicates the publisher's decision to publish the reference in looseleaf format. If the publishers had decided to publish in bound form, then that bound book would already be out of date to the extent of the Release 1 material.

Whilst a matter for purchasers of **Building and Construction Contracts in Australia Law and Practice**, it makes sense to purchase Release 1 to keep the reference current and to expand its content.