

Useful websites

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The web sites listed on the following pages follow the chapters in *Our Commercial Future* Book 2.

All websites were current at the time this list was made.



Chapter 1: The law and society and Chapter 3: The law in action

The High Court of Australia

<http://www.hcourt.gov.au/>

The Federal Court of Australia

<http://www.fedcourt.gov.au/>

The Family Court of Australia

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/>

Lawlink NSW

The NSW resource on the legal system. Includes the Supreme Court Homepage, all the NSW courts and great student resources.

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/Corporate/ll_corporate.nsf/pages/LL_Homepage_index

The Legal Information Access Centre

A great link to resources on how the law affects individuals.

<http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/>

Parliament of Australia Bills

Australian Parliament House's list of current bills before parliament.

<http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Federal Government Access Point

A Federal Government Access Point that gives you information on all the key areas of the law in Australia.

<http://www.australianlawonline.gov.au>

Lawstuff

A great look at legal issues for young people. Good links to sections on rights and responsibilities.

<http://www.lawstuff.org.au/>

The NSW Police

The NSW Police website looks at their role in enforcing the law.

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us

NSW Law Society

The NSW Law Society's answers to all sorts of legal questions and problems a person might face.

<http://www.lawsociety.com.au/page.asp?partid=6599>

National Native Title Tribunal

This website explains the details of the native title claims in Australia.

<http://www.nntt.gov.au/>

The Department of Corrections

The Department of Correctional Services manages NSW's prisons.

<http://www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/index.asp>



Chapter 2: Employment Issues

The NSW Department of Industrial Relations

A great place to start looking at the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees.

<http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/>

Wage Net

A Government page that allows you to search for the wages and conditions of any job in Australia.

<http://www.wagenet.gov.au/WageNet/HomePage/HomePage.asp>

Australian Industrial Commissions Homepage

The homepage of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

<http://www.airc.gov.au/>

The Working Women's Centre

A great resource about harassment, discrimination and rights in the workplace.

<http://www.wwc.org.au/>

WorkCover NSW

WorkCover NSW covers all workplace safety issues. Try the links to Young Workers for some good fact sheets.

<http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/default.htm>

The ACTU

The ACTU website details the role of the organisation and issues it is currently dealing with.

<http://www.actu.asn.au/>

The Australian Tax Office

The Australian Tax Office's homepage will give you access to the current tax rates and the rules that govern individuals.

<http://www.ato.gov.au/default.asp?menu=40>

Australian Taxpayers' Association

A group who educate Australians about how to understand and negotiate the Australian tax system.

<http://www.taxpayer.com.au/>

Australian Business Limited

Australian Business Limited is an employer association – see what it advises businesses should do with respect to workplace relations.

<http://www.australianbusiness.com.au>

Centrelink

Centrelink's page for people who rely on social security payments. It has details of who is eligible and the payments they receive.

<http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/index.htm>



My Career

This site has great advice and tools for job seekers.

<http://www.mycareer.com.au/advice-research/>

ACTU Worksite

The ACTU's Worksite has some excellent facts sheets on important employment issues.

<http://www.worksite.actu.asn.au/>

Office of the Employment Advocate

The Office of the Employment Advocate registers and approves individual contracts (AWAs) between employers and employees.

<http://www.oea.gov.au/graphics.asp?showdoc=/home/default.asp>

Workforce Brief

A report on the increasing casualisation of the workforce.

http://www.anz.com/Business/info_centre/economic_commentary/Casualisation_of_workforce_brief_May_04.pdf



Chapter 4: Towards Independence Insurance Watch

Insurance Watch

This page looks at the different types of insurance and how they can help people.

<http://www.insurancewatch.com.au/>

Department of Fair Trading

The Department of Fair Trading's advice on renting.

<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/realestaterenting.html>

Register of Encumbered Vehicles

The Register of Encumbered Vehicles is an organisation that helps you ensure that you are not buying a car that has money owing on it.

<http://www.revs.nsw.gov.au/>

The Real Estate Institute

The Real Estate Institute's guide to renting and leasing.

<http://www.reiaustralia.com.au/consumer/leaserent.asp>

Domian.com

A selection of rental properties in NSW and great advice for people renting and sharing.

<http://www.domain.com.au/Public/AdvancedSearch.aspx?mode=rent>

NSW Motor Accidents Authority

The NSW Motor Accidents Authority has good links about green slips and helps you compare prices.

<http://www.maa.nsw.gov.au/>

NRMA

This is the NRMA homepage, with lots of advice about owning, insuring and running a car.

<http://www.nrma.com.au/>

Department of Fair Trading

The Department of Fair Trading's advice on buying a car.

<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/motorvehicles.html>

Drive.com

An on-line car classified that offer reviews and advice for car buyers.

http://www.drive.com.au/?s_rid=WS:domain:top



Chapter 5: Community Participation

Accord

A fact sheet detailing the size and importance of non-profit organisations in Australia.

<http://www.accord.org.au/social/infobriefs/nonprofit.html>

Exodus Foundation in Sydney

The home page of the Exodus Foundation in Sydney.

<http://www.billcrews.com.au>

Rotary Organisation in Australia

This site details the work of the Rotary Organisation in Australia.

<http://www.rotary.org.au/>

Community Groups in NSW

This site links a wide range of community groups and societies in NSW.

<http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/>

Australia's Foreign Aid

The home page of Australia's foreign aid organisation.

<http://www.usaid.gov.au/default.cfm>

Oxfam

This site details the work of the Oxfam in Australia.

<http://www.oxfam.org.au/>

This site looks at Oxfam's work in trying to develop responsible trade links around the world.

<http://www.oxfamtrading.org.au/shell/index.asp>

World Vision

This has the details of World Vision's child sponsorship programs.

http://www.worldvision.com.au/childsponsorship/search/child_search.asp?GCID=S15712x001-group1ad5&Keyword=world%20vision

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels provides a valuable community service.

<http://www.nswmealsonwheels.org.au/>

Amnesty International

Amnesty International operates in communities throughout Australia and all over the globe.

<http://www.amnesty.org.au/>



Chapter 6: Our Economy

The Reserve Bank

All the latest about interest rates, the \$A and great graphs of economic statistics.

<http://www.rba.gov.au>

The Australian Bureau of Statistics

Check out the Key National Indicators for the latest on current economic data.

<http://www.abs.gov.au>

Australia Parliament House

A series of articles that look at the key economic indicators – how they are calculated and why they are important.

<http://www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/mesi/feature.htm>

The Federal Government's Annual Budget

It shows revenue, expenditure and the government's forecasts for the economy.

<http://www.budget.gov.au/>



Chapter 7: Global Links

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Has details about all of Australia's trade with the rest of the world

www.dfat.gov.au

The World Trade Organisation

A global body that tries to improve global trade.

<http://www.wto.org/>

The International Monetary Fund

An organisation that tries to stabilise the global financial sector.

<http://www.imf.org/>

The United Nations

An important global organisation.

<http://www.un.org>

The OECD

Collects statistics and does research on all the industrialised economies around the world.

<http://www.oecd.org>

Austrade's Student Centre

A great place to start researching exports and companies that sell their goods overseas.

http://www.austrade.gov.au/corporate/layout/0,,0_S1-1_XID31-2_-3_PWB1111236-4_-5_-6_-7_,00.html

APEC

An important international organisation and trade forum of which Australia is a member.

<http://www.apecsec.org.sg>

Ausbuy

A website that tries to encourage people to buy goods from Australian companies.

<http://www.ausbuy.com.au/>

The Fairwear campaign

Tries to raise awareness about how clothes are produced.

<http://www.fairwear.org.au/engine.php>

Nasdaq

An important global investment market.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/>

New York Stock Exchange

An important global investment market and the barometer of international financial markets.

<http://www.nyse.com>



Chapter 8: Travel

The Australian tourism Portal

Has lots of links and tools to help people plan trips.
<http://www.australia.com>

The Government's Passports Website

Has information about passports -including a downloadable application form.
<https://www.passports.gov.au>

Tourism in Australia as an industry

Has lots of statistics and details of the types of providers.
<http://www.industry.gov.au/tourism>

Currency Calculator

Is a currency converter -how many NZ dollars can you get for one Aussie today??
<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

Zuji Travel Portal

This is an online travel portal. It will let you search for current prices and details of domestic and international flights, accommodation and tours.
<http://zuji.com.au>

The Lonely Planet

Provides excellent advice and information on a range of destinations.
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

