

Book Review: Contracts for Infrastructure Projects: An International Guide

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Contracts for Infrastructure Projects: An International Guide is co-authored by Philip Loots and Dr Donald Charrett, both boasting immense experience in the field of construction law.

With over 40 years of experience as a construction lawyer, having worked in Australia, Asia, Africa and elsewhere internationally, Philip Loots is a recognised authority on construction law matters. Having authored and co-authored a number of books and articles on construction law, he is also a past editor of *Construction Law International*, the magazine of the International Construction Projects Committee of the International Bar Association.

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Contracts for Infrastructure Projects: An International Guide is intended for lawyers and construction professionals such as engineers involved in the negotiation and administration of construction contracts. It provides a guide to the law relating to construction contracts, drawing on the solid industry experiences and insights of its authors.

While the focus of the book is on construction contracts entered into by commercial organisations operating in a business environment, the principles of construction law outlined in this book have wide application.

Comprising 29 chapters, over 700 pages of well-researched text, and hundreds of legal decisions from the world over, the publication contains an impressive collection of legal principles and practical considerations governing relationships between parties from different jurisdictions in the

modern-day world of international infrastructure projects. Reading this book provides one with a more profound understanding of the similarities and differences between common law and civil law approaches.

The book carefully looks at the issues and challenges confronted by parties involved in infrastructure projects, providing well thought out analysis of the complexities of the law and practice as they relate to construction projects around the globe. It achieves this in a manner easily understood by a wide variety of readers, a testament to the authors' extensive knowledge and understanding of the law and practice relating to all aspects of construction contracts.

Contracts for Infrastructure Projects: An International Guide is an invaluable resource that would make an excellent addition to the library for those with an interest in construction contracts.

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