

WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER



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## UPDATES IN THE LEGAL WORLD

### Family Law Amendment

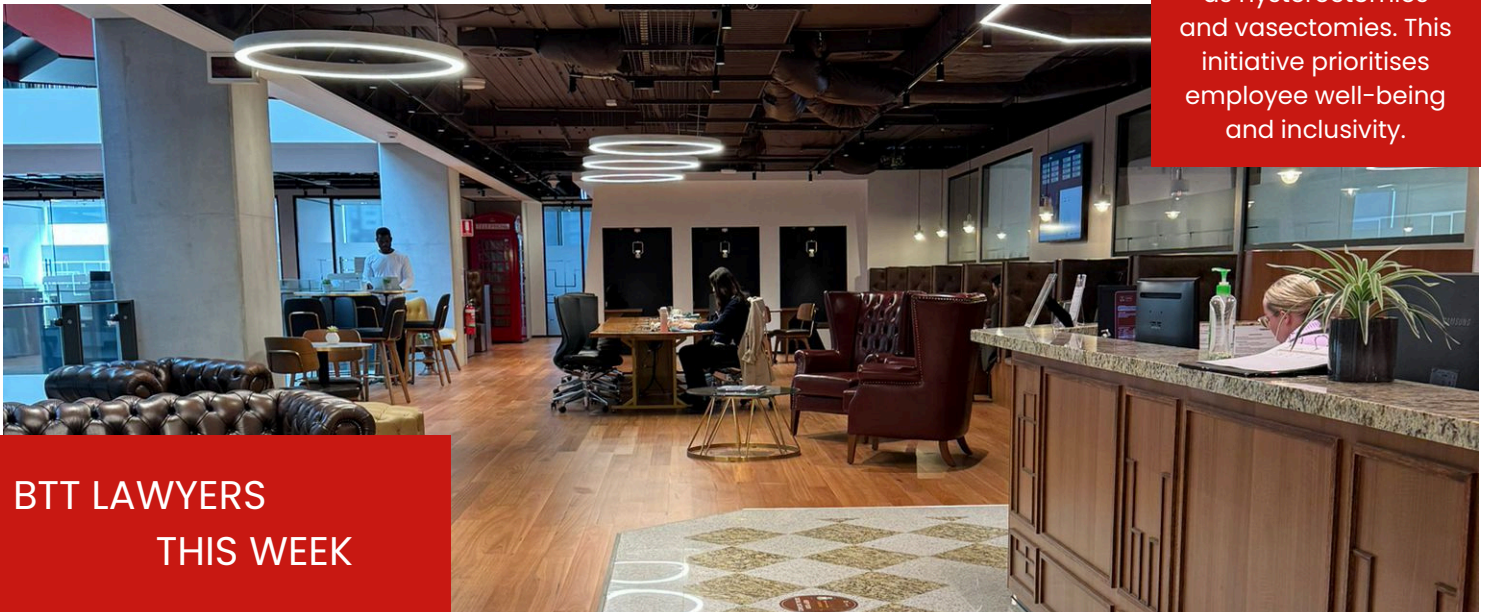
The Family Law Amendment Act 2023 takes effect on May 6, 2024. Court forms are being updated to reflect this and the Family Law (Information Sharing) Act 2023. Some forms have new questions or revised structure. All forms should be used from May 6, 2024, onwards.

### Student Debt Relief

The Albanese government plans to reduce student debt by \$3 billion in the upcoming budget, benefiting over 3M Australians. This initiative aims to ease financial burdens, and support education accessibility. Relief to be retroactively applied from June 1, 2023, pending legislative approval, with an estimated average debt reduction of \$1,200 per individual.

### QLD Announces Paid Reproductive Leave

QLD pioneers paid reproductive health leave for public servants, starting October, benefiting over 265,000 workers. The policy covers IVF, fertility treatments, cancer screenings, and procedures such as hysterectomies and vasectomies. This initiative prioritises employee well-being and inclusivity.



## BTT LAWYERS THIS WEEK

Exciting news from BTT Lawyers this week! We're thrilled to announce the official opening of our Sydney office, expanding our presence to better serve clients in NSW. Additionally, we're pleased to share that our solicitor Shavindra has relocated to lead this new venture, bringing his expertise and dedication to our Sydney team. Stay tuned for more updates and developments!

## LEGAL NEWS

### Landmark HCA Decision for Indigenous Land

The Commonwealth government can now be sued for damaging indigenous sacred sites after the managers of Kakadu National Park won their case in the HCA regarding a Gunlom Falls walking trail. The court overturned a Northern Territory Supreme Court ruling that the Director of National Parks (DNP) could claim Crown immunity for breaching the Sacred Sites Act.

## IMMIGRATION NEWS

### Changes to 485 Temporary Graduate Visa

The Government's Migration Strategy introduces changes to Temporary Graduate visas from July 1, 2024. The Graduate Work stream becomes the Post-Vocational Education Work stream, with age limits lowered to 35. Higher degree holders shift to the Post-Higher Education Work stream. Stay durations vary based on qualifications and nationality, notably for Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders.

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