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AUSTRALIAN LEGAL NEWS

Australia Set to Ban Social Media for Under-16s in New Legislation

The Australian federal government plans to introduce legislation this year banning children under 16 from using social media. The specific age limit is still under review, with consultations considering a range between 14 and 16. This move follows similar proposals and concerns about the negative impacts of social media on youth.

NSW Nurses Strike for Pay Rise Despite IRC Order

Thousands of nurses in New South Wales have gone on strike demanding a 15% pay increase, defying an Industrial Relations Commission order. The NSW government, facing potential hospital delays, argues the raise would cost \$6.5 billion. Premier Chris Minns cited budget constraints, while Health Minister Ryan Park expressed disappointment over the strike's timing.

Farmers to Protest Live Sheep Export Ban Amid Economic Strain

Farmers are mobilizing to protest in Canberra against Labor's live sheep export ban, set to phase out exports by May 2028. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese remains firm on the ban despite strong opposition from the farming sector. Farmers face severe financial strain with low lamb and mutton prices, backlogged abattoirs, and overstocked flocks, intensifying the economic impact on their businesses.

BTT LEGAL NEWS FRIDAY

BTT NEWS FOR THE WEEK

We are thrilled to announce opening of our new office in West Werribee.

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MORE LEGAL NEWS

Revised Online Misinformation Bill Criticized as Threat to Free Speech

Proposed laws targeting online misinformation have been criticized as a "chilling assault" on free speech, with fears they could suppress differing opinions. Communications Minister Michelle Rowland introduced the revised legislation, citing misinformation as a threat to safety, democracy, and the economy. The Albanese government withdrew a previous draft after widespread criticism from media, tech companies, and civil liberties groups. Rowland claims the new bill strikes a balance between combating harmful misinformation and protecting free expression.

Melbourne Airport's \$3 Billion Third Runway Project got official approval

The Albanese government has approved Melbourne Airport's \$3 billion third runway project, with conditions to minimize and distribute noise across Melbourne. Federal Transport Minister Catherine King granted approval after a long wait since February 2023. The north-south runway plan has faced some local opposition. One of the government's conditions is that the airport commits to restoring its east-west runway to its full length and maximise its use, which will help distribute noise across Melbourne. The noise sharing plan will be developed by the airport, and in consultation with local communities, over the years to come.

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