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PREFACE

Technology law is a diverse, interesting and highly relevant field, touching on some of the most significant legal and social issues of the day. This text explores technology law in its socio-legal context in Australia and around the world. It critically examines law and regulation relating to technology developments, incorporating relevant theoretical perspectives.

Available texts to date in Australia have focused on cybercrime law. Some texts, published further afield in the United Kingdom, have broadened this to information technology law, branching out beyond cybercrime to include allied areas such as privacy, e-commerce and intellectual property. This text takes a broader approach in defining the field of technology law. In addition to encompassing cybercrime, privacy, commercial transactions and intellectual property, it extends technology law to also include healthcare and criminal justice, providing a more complete discussion, and expanding the horizon of the field to incorporate a holistic view of the regulation of technology in our society.

We have taken this approach with a view to better conceptualising the relationships between these related areas of law, in what continues to be a flourishing area of national and international academic study and law reform. It offers a new way forward for this burgeoning area of legal scholarship, and will be of interest to practitioners, policymakers, academics and students.

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