

# Recommendations and Reviews

## *Zines and Stellios's, The High Court and the Constitution (7th ed)*

The topography of constitutional law has evolved substantially since the sixth edition of this valuable resource was published in 2015. The release of the seventh edition is therefore a welcome addition to the libraries of those practicing constitutional law. Readers will find in-depth consideration of the characterisation of Commonwealth powers, the trade and commerce power, the corporations power, s 92 of the Constitution, the separation of powers, the judicial power of the Commonwealth, the doctrine in the Communist Party Case, the Crown and Executive Government, the regulation of Australia's external and internal affairs, including Australia's relationship with the United Kingdom, and, representative democracy.

The authors' analysis of *Spence v Queensland* (2019) 268 CLR 355 is illuminating, perhaps because their analysis of the scope of Commonwealth legislative power, in the sixth edition of the book, was relied on by each of the Justices of the High Court in their respective decisions in *Spence*.

The focal point of 'rights' in modern legal debate makes the chapter concerning constitutional rights particularly interesting. Divided between the express constitutional guarantees (provided for in ss 51(xxxi), 80, 116 and 117 of the Constitution) and implied rights, the chapter comprehensively addresses how constitutional rights are to be understood and applied.

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