

Reform of Australian Jurisdiction and Judgments Law by International Treaty: The Lugano Option

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The rich and wide expanse of Enid Campbell's scholarship is clearly illustrated by the contributions to this volume. Constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, evidence and procedure are all subjects that she has addressed during her prolific scholarly career. This writer, whose background is in private international law, rather naively assumed that his area had escaped her attention. Investigation, however, shows that she wrote an insightful article on aspects of the topic of recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in 1994.¹ This discovery is welcome not merely because it reveals an even greater breadth to Professor Campbell's scholarship but also because it reflects the importance of private international law to all Australian lawyers as well as to governments and the courts. The focus of this chapter is on two matters of private international law where international developments are likely to be of great relevance to Australia: the jurisdiction of courts and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

Background

In 1989 Michael Pryles wrote of the growing influence of "internationalism" on Australian private international law, by which he meant the increasing influence of international agreements and conventions on this area of Australian law.² This development has been most notable in

1 E Campbell, "Res Judicata and Decisions of Foreign Tribunals" (1994) 16 *Syd LR* 311.

2 M Pryles, "Internationalism in Australian Private International Law" (1989) 12 *Syd LR* 96.

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