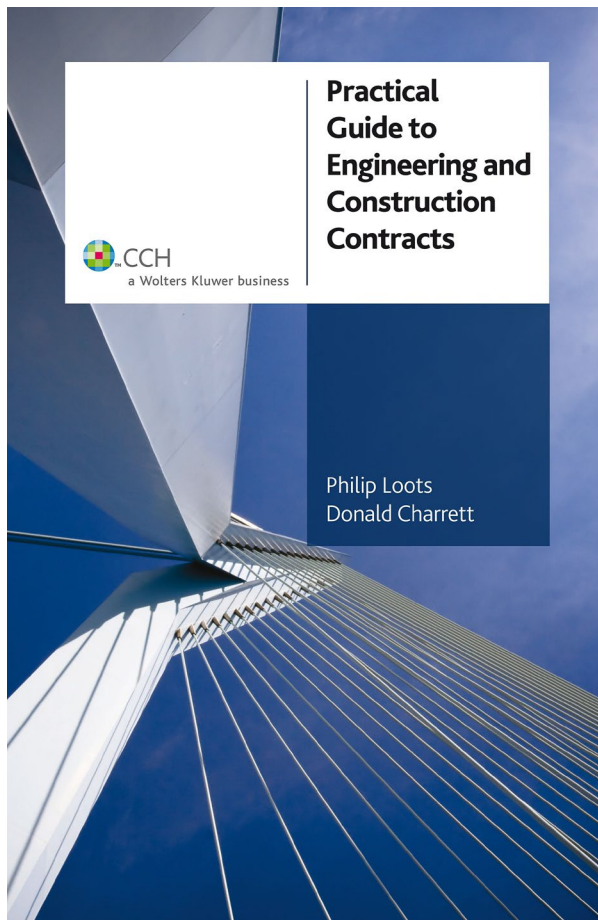


PRACTICAL GUIDE TO ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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This book is intended to provide a concise but accurate guide to the law relating to construction contracts in Australia as at 2009. It is intended for the use of engineers (and others) who are involved in the negotiation and administration of construction contracts, to enable them to understand the risks involved, and how to minimise them. The principles of construction law outlined in this book apply to small construction contracts as well as very large contracts for which the contract sum may be in the billions of dollars. It is not intended to cover every relevant topic in detail, as there are already comprehensive and well-regarded books on construction law in Australia and for the common law world. Accordingly a list of references is provided for those readers who require more in-depth information on specific topics.

The focus of this book is on construction contracts entered into by commercial organisations operating in a business environment. The law generally assumes that such parties are of equal bargaining power, and puts relatively few fetters on their ability to agree on the terms of their bargain. Accordingly, the legislation impacting on construction contracts is (relatively) circumscribed, but where it is relevant, it may be of major importance