THE NEW AUSTRALIAN STATUTORY TORT FOR SERIOUS INVASIONS OF PRIVACY–WHAT DOES IT CURRENTLY LOOK LIKE?

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On 12 September 2024, the long awaited statutory tort for serious invasions of privacy has been revealed in Schedule 1 to the *Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024* (Cth) (the Privacy Bill). Please see our previous article on the subject titled "A Statutory Tort for Serious Invasions of Privacy?"

The proposed statutory tort represents a significant development in the law in respect of a general right to privacy and will undoubtedly lead to litigation involving individuals, corporations and the media sector.

The statutory tort will become law on "a date fixed by Proclamation" or within six months and one day from day the Privacy Bill receives the Royal Assent.

Please click here to view a summary of the privacy reforms.

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