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Statutory judicial review in Australia: A comparative analysis of the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Tasmanian schemes – *Dr Anthony E Cassimatis and Dr Peter Billings*

This article addresses whether statutory judicial review mechanisms enacted in the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Tasmania have realised their overall aims of promoting access to justice and accountability of public administration. The authors systematically analyse these legislative attempts to modernise judicial review in Australia, with simplified procedures for applying for judicial review, codified grounds of review, and the right to reasons, subject to careful scrutiny in light of relevant case law. The authors conclude that codification of the grounds of review has enhanced transparency about core principles and, to a degree, promoted legal certainty. However, undue technicality continues to bedevil judicial review due to the jurisdictional requirements that control the operation of these Acts. Moreover, some of the innovative reforms in the Queensland statute have not had the positive impact that might have been expected. 73

Attributes of a good judge – *Justice Emiliios Kyrou*

In this personal account, Justice Emiliios Kyrou reflects upon some of the key personal attributes of a good judge: independence, impartiality, communication skills, patience, cultural awareness and tolerance, courtesy, compassion, humility, people skills, community engagement, a sense of perspective and a sense of humour. 130

