

Property/Retirement Villages Client Alert

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NEW AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW - UPDATE

For those of you who read our Member Alert on 1 December 2009, the new national consumer law regime did not come into effect on 1 January 2010 as anticipated.

As previously advised, the national consumer law regime is to be implemented by the enactment of the *Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009* ("the Bill"). The Office of the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs has indicated that the Government has proposed amendments to the Bill that are awaiting debate in the Senate. The next Parliamentary sitting is scheduled for February 2010, at which we understand the amendments to the Bill will be debated. We will provide more information about the progress of the Bill and the amendments to the Bill following the next Parliamentary sitting.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact:



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