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The interplay between the Civil Liability Act and the Australian Consumer Law

The Australian Consumer Law (ACL) is a Federal based regime which operates to enhance the welfare of Australians through the promotion of competition and fair trading and provision for consumer protection. The *Civil Liability Act 2002* (NSW) is a State based regime which, according to the Second Reading Speech, was introduced for the purpose of reducing the number of public liability claims and insurance premiums. The objectives of each regime appear to be at odds with each other. This session aims to explore the interplay between those two regimes in light of the overlap created by Section 275 of the ACL.

Meet the speaker

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After obtaining degrees in law and communications, Aleisha Nair joined the Parramatta team of Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers. In 2018 she was admitted as a solicitor, and elected onto the Parramatta & District Regional Law Society Committee. She has been Treasurer of the Committee, and the Young Lawyer Representative since 2018. Other representative roles include Parramatta Regional Delegate of the NSW Young Lawyers BushWeb Committee, and Member of the Parramatta Legal & Justice Coalition. Aleisha's expertise and experience in compensation law include the areas of workers compensation, public liability, motor vehicle accidents, medical negligence, recreational accidents and intentional torts. In 2022, she taught the subject Remedies at the Western Sydney University School of Law. Aleisha was a finalist in the 2020 *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 Awards in the Insurance category, and in the 2023 *Lawyers Weekly* Women in Law Awards for Mentor of the Year.