QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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3.4.5 Queensland Law Collection

1. Purpose

The Queensland Law Collection contains historical Queensland legislation and other legal materials relating to Queensland. It makes materials available online that were once only accessible in a relatively small number of libraries. The collection exists to improve access to historical law and legal materials relating to Queensland for researchers and the public.

2. Primary User Groups Served

Staff and students of QUT, particularly of the School of Law, members of the Queensland legal community, researchers and scholars of the legal history of Queensland.
3. Background to the Collection

The digitization of the materials in the collection was originally commenced under the aegis of Ozcase, a web collaboration project started in 2004 and sponsored by a number of Queensland law libraries, in particular those of the Queensland University of Technology, The Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Bond University and Griffith University. Completion of the digitization of the Queensland Statute Reprints was made possible by the generous financial support of the Australian Law Librarians Association (Queensland). The Crown Law Library (Queensland) and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Library supplied materials from their collections to ensure that the Queensland Statute Reprints are as complete as possible.

4. Copyright

Copyright in Queensland Legislation is a prerogative right of the Crown and does not expire. Previously the Department of Public Works asserted, and currently The Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel asserts, the right to be recognized as the owner of the copyright. Permission to digitize the material in the Collection has been sought and obtained from the relevant authority.

5. Description of the Collection

The current collection consists of digitized Queensland legal materials derived from the QUT Law Library collection and from a number of other Queensland law libraries, specifically the Department of Justice (Crown Law) Library and Griffith University Library. The collection contains reprints of Acts and Regulations of the Queensland Parliament published either separately (Queensland Statute Reprints or “pamphlet reprints”) or as part of a consolidated collection of legislation (Public Acts of Queensland 1828 – 1936).

6. Scope of Collection Development

Material remaining on the Ozcase website (http://ozcase.library.qut.edu.au/) will be evaluated for possible transfer to the Queensland Law collection prior to its decommissioning. Additional legal materials (primary or secondary) relating to Queensland that are of legal or scholarly interest may be added to the collection. These materials may be sourced from the QUT Law Library collection or elsewhere and may require digitization.

7. Access and Collaboration

Material in the collection may be shared with other public access repositories, in particular AustLII (www.austlii.edu.au) to enhance public access to legal information.

Queensland legislative materials will be shared with the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel for upload to official Queensland Government websites, e.g. www.legislation.qld.gov.au, as a condition of permission to digitize certain materials being granted to QUT.
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