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This book provides the full text of and an annotated guide to: the *Conveyancing Act 1919*; *Conveyancing (General) Regulation 2008*; *Conveyancing (Sale of Land) Regulation 2005*; *Real Property Act 1900*; and *Real Property Regulation 2008 of NSW*, current to 1 March 2009. The text has been extracted from the two volume looseleaf service *Conveyancing Service New South Wales* and follows the internal arrangement of the looseleaf service. The book contains some cross references to areas of the looseleaf services that have not been extracted.

Every section, regulation and schedule of the legislation contained in the book has been allocated a paragraph number, for ease of reference.

I tend to find annotated legislation extremely useful, and this is no exception. The book provides the history of the legislation, the date of operation, and provides comparative provisions where decisions

from other jurisdictions are discussed. There are tables of amendments, and headings of repealed sections (such as section 151B of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*: "Receipts by married infants", repealed in 1970).

The annotations are useful and provide context, such as the explanation for the need for section 148 of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*: "Married woman may by deed dispose of land or reversionary interest in property etc". Paragraph 33160.1 describes that at common law, the woman's identity merged with that of her husband and they became seised jointly of all the woman's freehold. A woman then required the consent of her husband to dispose of property.

The book is well referenced and cross referenced, and is a useful tool in terms of both the study of and particularly the practice of NSW property law.