

LAWS70141 Energy Regulation and the Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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Subject Overview:	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # What is regulation? # What is the relationship between regulation and law? # General explanations and justifications for regulation # Regulatory issues posed by the supply of different types of energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mineral energies: Coal, petroleum, uranium - Network energies: Electricity, gas - Common problems # Regulatory responses: <i>Laissez-faire</i>, public ownership and operation, licensing, price and export controls, operational controls, subsidies # The Australian regulatory environment: Federal structure, geography and markets, impacts of international regulation, competition policy, independent regulatory authorities # Two or more case studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electricity (or gas): From public monopolies to regulated markets - Oil and gas: Public ownership, private operation - Coal and uranium: Trade and security issues - Renewable energies: Costs and subsidies # Evaluating energy regulation: Legitimacy, legality, accountability, fairness, efficiency, effectiveness.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the phenomenon of regulation as an activity of government and its relationship with law # Understand the issues raised by different types of energy sources that may call for regulatory solutions # Have a sound knowledge of the Australian regulatory regimes for the types of energy covered in the subject # Be able to offer a critical appraisal of those regimes by reference to regulatory theory and comparative practice.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (40%) (14-17 May) 6,000 word research paper (60%) (1 July) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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