

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LAND LAW (NEW SOUTH WALES).
By A. D. Hargreaves and B. A. Helmore. [Brisbane, Melbourne
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This excellent volume of some 200 pages is designed for the student and is a New South Wales edition of the late Professor Hargreaves' well-established "Introduction to the Principles of Land Law". The English history of land law from early feudal times to the year 1925 with its many statutory changes is concisely set out and this lifts the book out from the category of those of interest only to students of the land law of New South Wales. Indeed, one is somewhat disappointed for the sake of the student with his perennial search for simple and concise statements of the law, particularly the law of real property, that there is only bare mention in the book of two topics in the law of real property which may be said

to be still evolving, namely licences and powers of appointment. And the chapter on the rule against perpetuities, for the same reason, falls short of expectations. The "rule", despite the simplicity of its definition, is a constant source of difficulty to students, particularly in reference to its application to class gifts and to powers of appointment. It must however be pointed out that the statements of the English law are meant to provide background to the present-day land law of New South Wales and no doubt are framed with that end in view.

Although the book is primarily meant for the Australian student, students in Malaysia are likely to find it of great assistance. What is more, it is possible that the book may acquire closer kinship to Malaysian land law in the near future if the proposed codification of land law in Malaysia takes form.

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