1. Introduction to Land Law

This chapter provides an introduction to land law and the subject’s foundational principles. Land law is the law of real property. It is ‘that part of the general law which governs the allocation of rights and responsibilities in relation to “real” or “immoveable” property’. Land law is about rights in things; in other words, rights in the land rather than rights which are merely personal to the people who created them. More specifically, land law creates a framework in which a variety of relationships between people and land can operate. Land law is concerned with the nature, creation, and protection of rights in land and, also the content of those rights.

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