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### Abstract:
This is the eighth edition of 'Statutory Interpretation in Australia'. It is published 40 years after the first edition. Professor Pearce was the sole author of the first and second editions. He was joined in 1988 by Adjunct Professor Geddes for the third edition and since then all editions have been jointly authored. Like all courts since law in the form of legislation was first made, Australian courts have had to engage in statutory interpretation. One of the earliest cases reported in 'Dowling's Select Cases' was 'Campbell v Rossi' (1 January 1829) which involved the interpretation of excise legislation. Until the publication of the first edition of this book, Australian courts and lawyers were obliged to resort to the leading English texts - 'Craies on Statute Law' and 'Maxwell on the Interpretation of Statutes' - for guidance on the principles to be followed in placing meaning on legislation. There was no ready access to the numerous decisions setting out the principles of statutory interpretation followed by Australian courts.

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Kirby, Michael --- "Statutory Interpretation: The Meaning of Meaning" [2011] MelbULawRw 3; (2011) 35(1) Melbourne University Law Review 113. But before you read the essay, read a little about the author: The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG. Enjoy. Statutory interpretation is the process by which legislative instruments are given meaning so that they can be understood and applied. This subject will systematically examine the body of law that is relevant when determining the intention of Parliament as expressed in legislative instruments. The rules, approaches and practices required by statute or developed at common law are considered and applied to both state and federal legislation. DC Pearce and RS Geddes, Statutory Interpretation in Australia, 8th ed, LexisNexis, 2014 Perry Herzfeld and Thomas Prince, Statutory Interpretation Principles: The Laws of Australia, Thomson Reuters, 2014 Kath Hall and Claire Macken, Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, 4th ed, Lexis Nexis, 2015. Online Learning. Learn about statutory interpretation australia with free interactive flashcards. Choose from 500 different sets of flashcards about statutory interpretation australia on Quizlet. Interpretating a law in many ways to cover all possibilities. A word many have 2 or more meanings making it unclear which on… A parliamentary council which originally drafted the bill may… old acts of parliament may not cover present day situations. A broad term. Interpretating a law in many ways to cover all possibilities. Ambiguity. A word many have 2 or more meanings making it unclear which on… 16 terms. natstar1111. Statutory Interpretation. Fisher v bell. Whitley v Chappell 1868. [Statutory interpretation has replaced the analysis of judicial reasons about the common law as the most important task ordinarily performed by Australian lawyers. This was inevitable as the amount of law made by, or under, legislation increased and the room for the residual common law narrowed. The development has, or should have, important consequences for legal education and professional training. third element in contemporary statutory interpretation in Australia. Today, that task requires a combined exercise involving analysis of the text, context and purpose (or policy) of the statute in question. The foregoing developments have begun to influence legal education, including in Australia.