

“Judicial Independence – from what and to what end?”

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Nitmiluk Lounge Level 4, Parliament House, Darwin

Australian lawyers might think the phrase 'judicial independence' to be clear in its meaning. Yet even in our federation it may have different connotations. So too does constitutional context in other jurisdictions give it a different meaning. History teaches us that judicial independence of thought is not always vigorously pursued and that judicial independence is not always a force for good. These reflections may be seen to raise two questions about judicial independence: independence from what and to what end? And those enquiries may illuminate what judicial independence can and should mean to us

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