

SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER LIABILITY PROTECTION – JULY 2008

Jurisdiction	Title of Legislation	Commenced	Section	Summary
QLD	<i>Civil Liability Act 2003</i>	09.04.03	39	Volunteer not liable for any act or omission done or made in good faith when doing community work – (a) organised by a community organisation; or (b) as an office holder of a community organisation. Some exceptions to the immunity.
NSW	<i>Civil Liability Act 2002</i>	06.12.02	61	In the same terms as the QLD provision – expressly protects office holders.
VIC	<i>Wrongs Act 1958</i>	15.03.03	37	Volunteer not liable for anything done or not done in good faith in providing a service in relation to community work organised by a community organisation. Some exceptions and does not expressly protect office holders.
ACT	<i>Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002</i>	01.11.02	8	Volunteer not liable for an act done or omission made honestly and without recklessness while doing community work for a community organisation. Sets out exceptions in similar terms to SA provision. Does not expressly protect office holders.
SA	<i>Volunteers Protection Act 2001</i>	15.01.02	4	Volunteer not liable for an act or omission done or made in good faith and without recklessness while doing community work for a community organisation. Some exceptions and does not expressly protect office holders.
WA	<i>Volunteers and Food and Other Donors (Protection from Liability) Act 2002</i>	01.01.03	6	Volunteer not liable for anything done in good faith when doing community work. Sets out the same exceptions as the SA provision. Does not expressly protect office holders.
TAS	<i>Civil Liability Act 2002</i>	04.07.03	47	Volunteer not liable for anything done in good faith when doing community work. Sets out the same exceptions as the SA provision. Does not expressly protect office holders.
NT	<i>Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act 2003</i>	01.05.03	7	Volunteer not liable for a personal injury caused by an act done in good faith and without recklessness while doing community work for a community organisation. A member of the organisation's management committee does not incur personal liability. Some exceptions apply.

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