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Information Privacy Governance and Regulation in Australia

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The recent Optus and Medibank data breaches have raised the profile of privacy law issues and heightened the attention of regulators to the data security practices of Australian organisations. This mirrors a pattern of increasing privacy regulation around the globe, with many nations having followed a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)-style approach to privacy laws in the past two years, including China. This book makes an excellent contribution to the field.

The book provides a plain language explanation of the technology that is the subject of privacy regulation. It steps through the key pieces of legislation comprising privacy regulation in Australia and provides a helpful summary of significant overseas frameworks, particularly from the EU. It provides a useful guide to the various industry codes currently in operation across Australia and a summary of the various channels for complaints and remedies available to people who consider their privacy rights to have been infringed.

The final section of the book is focused on the theoretical issues that require consideration in respect of privacy law and offers some suggestions for potential reform. The book is an important contribution to the practical application of privacy law in Australia. It is also a valuable contribution to the reflection and reform that will be needed in order for privacy law to keep pace with the rapid reshaping of our society that is being effected by technology.

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