

complainant

a person alleging that a sexual assault has been committed against him or her

conciliation

a method of legal dispute resolution involving a third party who helps the parties to reach agreement

consent

free and voluntary agreement by a rational person who is able to understand and make a decision about the matter to which he or she agrees

contempt of court

words or actions that show a disregard for the authority of the court or interfere with its powers

dispossession

the removal or expulsion of people from their traditional lands

express consent	consent given directly, either oral or written
in camera	privately; only specified persons such as the judge can be present during the testimony or proceeding
martial law	military government and laws imposed on civilian society, which overrides civil law
native title	the right of indigenous people to their traditional lands
nomadic	people who tend to travel and change settlements frequently

pastoralists

farmers raising sheep or cattle, usually on large areas of land

sexual assault

a general term for criminal offences involving unwanted sexual contact

sponsorship

the support of an individual, event, or organisation financially or through the provision of products and services

tort law

the body of law that deals with civil wrongs including negligence, defamation, trespass and nuisance

trespass to the person

a tort involving direct contact with a person's body without that person's consent

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vicarious liability

the legal liability imposed on one person or agent (e.g. an employer) for the wrong acts of another

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