# **CONTAMINATED SITES LAW&POLICY**

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#### **Objective and Currency**

This summary is designed to provide the reader with a clear understanding of the legislation, guidelines, other documentation and government policies that underlie the approaches taken in addressing the issue of contaminated sites management.

The legislation, guidelines and supporting information referred to in this Summary is current to 31st March 2009. It is proposed to update the Summaries at least every 12 months to maintain the currency of the information as far as is reasonably practicable.

Users of the Summaries are strongly advised to consult the original sources of information relied on to compile the Summaries before making significant economic, contractual or other commercial decisions. Legal advice should be obtained in order to ensure that the relevant laws are being applied to the particular situation.

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