LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Massage therapy is currently self-regulated in Australia. There is no Statute or Act that applies solely or specifically to the practise of massage.

However, massage therapists are accountable under the following statutory codes and legislative instruments:

**Federal**
- The Privacy Act 1988
- Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017
- Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (which includes the Australian Consumer Law)
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011
- Fair Work Act 2009
- Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights

**NSW**
- Public Health Act 1991
- Health Care Complaints Act 1993
- The Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
- NSW Code of Conduct for Unregistered Health Practitioners

**ACT**
- Health Act 1993
- The Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997
- Children and Young People Act 2008
- Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011
- Human Rights Commission Act 2005

**Victoria**
- Health Records Act 2001
- Health Complaints Act 2016
- Working with Children Act 2005
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- General Code of Conduct for General Health Services

**Queensland**
- Health Quality and Complaints Commission Act 2006
- Child Protection Act 1999
- National Code of Conduct for Health Care Workers (Queensland) 2015

**South Australia**
- Health and Community Services Complaints Act 2004
- Children’s Protection Act 1993
- SA Code of Conduct for Unregistered Health Practitioners

**Western Australia**
- Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act 1995
- Information Privacy Bill 2007
- Working with Children Act 2004
- Health and Disability Services (Complaints) Act 1995
- Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984
- Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996

**Tasmania**
- Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1997

**Northern Territory**
- Health and Community Services Complaints Act 1998
- Code of Health and Community Services Rights and Responsibilities
- Care and Protection of Children Act 2007