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## **Abstract**

This thesis examines the question of ‘what is the prevalence and nature of sustainability practices in regional, rural and remote legal practice’, using identified criteria including location, longevity of practice, structure of the law practice, retention of legal staff, legal practice areas carried out, clientele, marketing and use of information technology.

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## Abbreviations

ACSBD	Australian Centre for Sustainable Business and Development
ALS Index	Access to Legal Services Index
ARIA	Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
CBD	Central Business District
DLA	District Law Association
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GFC	Global Financial Crisis
GST	Goods and Sales Tax
ILP	Incorporated Legal Practice
IT	Information Technology
LCA	Law Council of Australia
LPAB	Legal Practitioners Admission Board
LSC	Legal Services Commissioner
MDP	Multi-Disciplinary Partnership
QLS	Queensland Law Society
RI	Research Issue
RQ	Research Question
RRR	Regional, Rural and Remote

