Artificial Intelligence Disclosure Policies

1. Submissions

(a) The *Melbourne Journal of International Law* ('*MJIL*' or 'the *Journal*') acknowledges the increasing use of artificial intelligence ('AI') in the production of legal scholarship.
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2. *MJIL*'s Policy on AI Tools

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Definition of AI Tools

(d) The *Journal* adopts a broad definition of AI Tools within the context of the publication process.
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(f) Use of AI Tools which would require acknowledgement includes, for example, the use of AI models to synthesise research material, translate foreign materials or analyse data.

Acknowledgement of AI Tools

(g) In acknowledging the use of AI Tools, authors are encouraged to include as much information as possible about:
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- any information enabling third-party verification of the AI Tool's output.

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Scope of *MJIL*'s Policy on Generative AI

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Definition of Generative AI

(g) The *Journal* notes that AI is a developing field and that policies governing its use will need to continuously adapt to meet these developments.

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Prompt to OpenAI's ChatGPT:

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> "*MJIL*, Australia's premiere generalist international law journal, is a peer-reviewed academic journal based at Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne. *MJIL* publishes innovative scholarly research, and critical examination of issues in international law."

Output from ChatGPT:

Only one change is strictly necessary: "premiere" → "premier". "Premier" is the adjective meaning foremost or leading; "premiere" is a noun/verb referring to a first performance or showing.

Otherwise, the grammar and punctuation are sound.

> *MJIL*, Australia's premier generalist international law journal, is a peer-reviewed academic journal based at Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne. *MJIL* publishes innovative scholarly research, and critical examination of issues in international law.

I would **not** remove the comma before "and critical examination": while it could be omitted stylistically, retaining it is grammatically defensible because it separates the two coordinated objects following "publishes," particularly given their different structures.

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