

## New Reports

The following reports were announced between July 1977 and September 1977 :

### Australia

- A.L.R.C. : Human Tissue Transplants (A.L.R.C.7).  
: Issues Paper 2 : Insurance Contracts, 1977.
- Q.L.R.C. : Working Paper on an examination of the law relating to actions against the Crown and the replacement of the claims against the Government Act of 1866.
- \* V.C.J.C. : The appointment and remuneration of company liquidators.
- ✓ V.L.R.C. : 6 : Spouse-witnesses (Competence and Compellability), 1976.
- W.A.L.R.C. : 49 : Report on the Suitors' Fund Act - Part B : criminal proceedings, May 1977.  
: W.P. 53 : Privilege for Journalists, June 1977.  
: 58 : Report on s.2 of the Gaming Act.
- Aust. Press Council : Aims & Practices, 1977.
- Aust. Dept. of Employment and Industrial Relations: Review of the Commonwealth Employment Service - Norgard, J.D. (Chairman).
- N.S.W. Parl. : Report of Committee of Inquiry into Psychosurgery, June 1977.  
: 7th Conference of Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliament of Australia, Cook Island, Fiji etc.

### United Kingdom

- Law Commission : 82 : Liability for defective products, June 1977.
- Scot. L.C. : 45 : Liability for defective products, June 1977.
- G.B. Home Office : The handling of complaints against the Police, March 1974, CMND 5582.

### New Zealand

- ✓ N.Z.P.A.L.R.C. : 9th Report
- ✓ N.Z.T.G.L.R.C. : Professional privilege in the law of evidence, March 1977.

### Papua New Guinea

- P.N.G.L.R.C. : Annual Report, 1976.  
: Report No. 5 : Report on Adultery, February 1977.  
: Occasional Paper No. 2 : Review of the Motor Vehicles (3rd Party Insurance) (Basic Protection Compensation) Act 1974, February 1977.
- P.N.G.L.R.C. and Acting Chief Magistrate : Joint W.P. No. 1 : Indictable Offences triable summarily, February 1977.

### Canada

- Secretary of State : Legislation on Public Access Government Documents, June 1977.
- Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada.
- B.C.L.R.C. : 30 : Report on the Rule in Hollington v. Hewthorn, 1977.
- Manitoba L.R.C. : Introspective assessment of the Commission's first 5 years of operation, 1971-1976, October 1976.  
: 6th Annual Report, March 1977.  
: W.P. on Voter Registration the alternative to enumeration.
- Ontario L.R.C. : 10th Annual Report, 1976.
- Saskatchewan L.R.C. : Report to the Attorney-General, proposals for a Saskatchewan Personal Property Security Act, 1977.

### Ghana

- Ghana L.R.C. : 5th Annual Report, April 1977.

### Ireland

- Ireland L.R.C. : W.P. 1-1977 : The law relating to the liability of builders, vendors and lessors for the quality and fitness of premises.

### United States of America

- California L.R.C. : Annual Report, December 1976.  
: Recommendation relating to non-profit corporation law, November 1976.

- California L.R.C. : Tentative recommendations relating to the attachment law, March 1977.  
: Tentative recommendations relating to review of resolution of necessity by writ of mandate, April 1977.  
: Tentative recommendations relating to revision of the psychotherapist-patient privilege, June 1977.  
: Tentative recommendation relating to attachment of property subject to security interest, June 10, 1977.  
: Tentative recommendation relating to the parole evidence rule.
- Michigan L.R.C. : Eleventh Annual Report, 1976.  
New York L.R.C. : Annual Report of the Law Revision Commission, May 1977.

## Whats Going on in the LRCs?

### Australian Law Reform Commission (A.L.R.C.)

- \* *Privacy*. Work in hand (W.I.H.). Draft legislation on privacy in publication due October 1977. Paper on Trans-border Data Flows (p.69).
- \* *Defamation*. Draft uniform Act ready October 1977.
- \* *Human Tissue Transplants*. Report tabled 21 September. See p.59.
- \* *Consumers in Debt*. Report due for tabling October 1977.
- \* *Debt Recovery*. W.P. for distribution October 1977.
- \* *Insurance Contracts*. Comment on *Issues Paper No. 2* being studied.
- \* *Access to the Courts*. (*Locus standi* and *Class actions*). Draft W.P. on public law due November 1977.
- \* *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. Seminar Institute of Technology 15 October 1977.
- \* *Lands Acquisition*. Preliminary work on new reference started. See p.65.
- \* *Law Reform Digest*. Manuscript being checked and updated.

### N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (N.S.W.L.R.C.)

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### N.T. Law Review Committee (N.T.L.R.C.)

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### N.Z. Criminal Law Reform Committee (N.Z.C.L.R.C.)

- \* *Culpable Homicide*. Report recommends major changes in New Zealand criminal law of murder, manslaughter and provocation. It also deals with suicide pacts and acts and omissions endangering life, safety and health. It recommends a single offence of "unlawful killing". Maximum instead of obligatory life imprisonment is proposed. Provocation to be taken into account in sentence.
- \* *Evidence : Juvenile Witness in Sexual Cases*. Report recommends no immediate changes.
- \* *Evidence : Identification and Identity Parades*. W.I.H.
- \* *Evidence : Failure of Accused or Spouse to Testify*. W.I.H.
- \* *Bail* : Preliminary Report presented, further W.I.H.
- \* *Self Defence* : W.I.H.
- \* *Rape : Evidence of Complainant in Rape Cases*. This is being considered in conjunction with the Private Member's Evidence Amendment Bill. Draft amendment submitted. (*Morgan*, and the Heilbron recommendations considered).
- \* *Royal Commission on the Courts*. Submission made.

### N.Z. Public and Administrative Law Reform Committee (N.Z.P.A.L.R.C.)

- \* *Disciplinary Powers and Procedures of Professional Bodies*. Ninth report published favouring participation by representative of the public on consideration of allegation of misconduct by a member of a profession or occupation. Greater uniformity among professions is suggested. The lay representative to review treatment of complaints rejected as trivial or misconceived.