

## Public Sittings and Seminars

### Debt Recovery and Insolvency

*Discussion Papers:* The A.L.R.C. has now published its Discussion Paper #6 *Debt Recovery and Insolvency*. The paper sets out major proposals for reform. Copies of the paper are available free of charge from the A.L.R.C. The paper will be open for comments and criticism until 1 December 1978.

*Public Sittings:* To allow members of the public and interested organisations to express their views and explain their concerns a series of public hearings of the A.L.R.C. have been arranged in all State capitals and in Darwin and Canberra. It is hoped to attract much public comment to assist the A.L.R.C. Commissioners in preparing reforms that will come to grips with the defects in the current laws and procedures governing debt recovery. The public sittings are conducted informally. If necessary, comments and submissions will be heard in camera.

*Seminars:* As well a series of seminars have been arranged by the Australian Institute of Credit Management to accompany the public sittings. At each seminar discussion will be led by invited speakers. The A.L.R.C. Chairman, Mr. Justice Kirby, the Commissioner in charge of the reference on Consumers in Debt, Mr. D. St. L. Kelly, and other A.L.R.C. Commissioners will attend. Questions and comments will be welcome. Members of the public are invited to take part. A small registration fee may be charged to cover lunch and other expenses.

#### *The Programme:*

- SYDNEY — Wednesday, 8 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — Law Reform Commission, 7th Floor, 99 Elizabeth Street. Contact (02) 231-1733.
- SYDNEY — Thursday, 9 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Wynyard Travel Lodge, 9 York Street.
- PERTH — Monday, 13 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — 3rd Floor (Room 301), Australian Government Centre, St. George's Terrace.
- PERTH — Tuesday, 14 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Sheraton Hotel, 207 Adelaide Terrace.
- ADELAIDE — Thursday, 16 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — (Venue to be determined).
- ADELAIDE — Friday, 17 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — The Australian Mineral Foundation, Conyngham Street, Glenside.
- HOBART — Monday, 20 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — Conference Room, 12th Floor, Savings Bank Building, Cnr. Murray and Collins Streets.
- HOBART — Tuesday, 21 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Westside Motor Inn, 156 Bathurst Street.
- MELBOURNE — Wednesday, 22 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — 6th Floor (Commissioner's Court), 451 Little Bourke Street (Conciliation and Arbitration Commission).
- MELBOURNE — Thursday, 23 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Leonda, 2 Wallen Road, Hawthorn.
- CANBERRA — Friday, 24 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Canberra Bowling Club, Elder Street, Braddon.
- CANBERRA — Friday, 24 November** **2.00 p.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — Conference Room, 4th Floor, National Library of Australia.
- BRISBANE — Monday, 27 November** **10.00 a.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — Conference Room, Lower Ground Floor, Block 4, Australian Government Centre.
- BRISBANE — Tuesday, 28 November** **9.00 a.m.**  
*Seminar* — Queensland Lawn Tennis Association, Milton Road, Milton.
- DARWIN — Wednesday, 29 November** **2.00 p.m.**  
*Public Hearings* — (Venue to be determined).