

authorities concerning 50 different Acts affecting land may cost up to \$120 million a year in N.S.W. alone. Meanwhile the NSWLRC is considering a submission of the Law Society of N.S.W. on conveyancing of land. The N.S.W. enquiry now has before it reports from Victoria and Britain recommending no change in the lawyers' monopoly for paid land conveyancing.

## New Reports

### Australia

ALRC: 14: *Lands Acquisition and Compensation*, 1980. See p. 35.

NSWLRC: DP 3: *Professional Indemnity Insurance*. See p. 38.

*Evidence: Competence and Compellability*. DP completed, and publication is imminent.

VCJC: *Report on Insurance on Real Property*, 1979.

VSLRC: *Report on the Imperial Acts Application Bill, Imperial Law Re-enactment Bill and the Constitutional Powers (Request) Bill*, 1979.

WALRC: *Report on Privilege for Journalists*.

### Canada

CLRC: *The Pension Appeal Board Study Paper*, 1979.

Manitoba LRC: 34: *Report on Enforcement of Judgements. Part III: Exemptions and Procedures under the 'Executions Act'*.

: 35: *The Estate Claim for Loss of Expectation of Life*.

: 36: *Report on Improved Methods of Enforcing Support Orders Against Real Property*.

: 37: *Report on Systems of Voter Registration*.

: 38: *Report on the One-Year Rule for Enforcement of Arrears in Maintenance*.

Ontario LRC: *Report on Products Liability*, 1979.

Saskatchewan LRC: *Proposals for Reform of the Jury Act. Tentative Proposals Relating to the Civil Rights of Children*.

### New Zealand

NZCLRC *Report on Bodily Examination and Samples as a Means of Identification*, 1978.

### United States

New York LRC: 65: Report for 1979.

### United Kingdom

Law Com No. 96: *Criminal Law Offences Relating to Interference with the Course of Justice* 1979.

## What's Going on in the LRC's?

### Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Lands Acquisition and Compensation*. Report on compulsory acquisition and injurious affection law tabled in Parliament. See p. 35.
- *Defamation*. Report referred by Standing Committee of Attorneys-General to officers. See p. 59.
- *Debt Recovery*. Work in hand (WIH). ALRC, NSWLRC and Tas LRC, working jointly on examination of debt recovery court procedures.
- *Insurance Contracts*. WIH. Report on Insurance Intermediaries with printer.
- *Class Actions and Standing*. WIH. See p. 55.
- *Privacy*. New Commissioner (Professor Hayes) takes over. Research Paper 9 on *Privacy: Credit Records* circulating. See p.34. Discussion papers on general protection of privacy due May 1980.
- *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. WIH. DP. See p. 58.
- *Sentencing*. WIH. Interim Report with printer. See p. 59.
- *Child Welfare*. WIH. Further DP on Child Abuse and Child Care. See p. 49.
- *Evidence*. Project commencing under new Commissioner T.H. Smith. See p. 35.

### N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *Legal Profession Inquiry*. Third Discussion Paper on Profession Indemnity Insurance issued. See p. 38.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. Outline Scheme for Incorporation by Registration circulating for comment.
- *Money Judgements*. WIH. Co-operation with the ALRC.
- *Evidence*. WIH. Drafting of a Discussion Paper, dealing with Sworn and Unsworn Evidence, is almost complete and publication will follow shortly. Two further DPs are being drafted.

### N.T. Law Review Committee (NTLRC)

- *Law Relating to Encroachments*. Report being printed.
- *Juries Act*. Under review.
- *Fitness to Plead*. Under review with respect to legislation passed in 1978.
- *Cost in Summary Proceedings*. Working paper being prepared.
- *Land Tenure in the Northern Territory*. Under review.
- *Workers' Compensation*. Appeal rules being drafted.

### N.Z. Property Law and Equity Reform Committee (NZPLERC)

In addition to matters of detail, the NZPLERC is currently examining:

- *Delay in Torrens Registration*: Risk to *bona fide* purchasers the value of property title in reliance on a search of the Torrens register which, at the moment of search confirms the registered interest but exposes the purchaser, subsequently transacting, to risk of inter-cepting or intervening interests of innocent third par-