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Professor, Sir Kenneth Keith KBE

Ken Keith, Deputy President of the New Zealand Law Commission, was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday honours in June. Sir Kenneth who has been a Professor of Law at the Victoria University of Wellington since 1974 is a foundation member of the Law Commission, established in 1986 (see [1985] *Reform* 174). He studied law at the University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington, and the Harvard Law School and has been a member of the New Zealand Department of External Affairs (1960-70) and Director of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (1972-74). He was a member of the New Zealand legal team in the Nuclear Tests cases brought by New Zealand and Australia against France in the International Court (1973-74) and led the New Zealand delegation to sessions of the Diplomatic Conference on International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflict (1975-76). He was a member of the Committee on Official Information (1978-81) and the Royal Commission on the Electoral System (1985-86), is a member of the Legislation Advisory committee (which replaced the Public and Administrative Law Reform Committee which he joined in 1972), and is a Judge of the Western Samoan Court of Appeal and the Cook Islands Court of Appeal.

The Hon Mr Justice BH McPherson

The Hon Mr Justice BH McPherson of the Supreme Court of Queensland was made a CBE for his major contribution to law reform in Queensland. Mr Justice McPherson was educated at the University of Natal (BA), the University of Cambridge (BA, LLB) and the University of Queensland (PhD). While a lecturer in law at the University of Queensland, he was admitted to the Queensland bar in 1963, and later commenced practice at the bar in 1965. He became a QC in 1975. He has been a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queens-

land since 1982 (Commercial Causes Judge 1983-1985). Mr Justice McPherson has been a member of the QLRC since the inception of the Commission 1969, and has served as the Chairman of the Commission since 1982. He is also a consultative member of the Australian Law Reform Commission Committee on Insolvency. Mr Justice McPherson has been the Chairman of the Utah Foundation since 1985. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the State Library Foundation and also the author of *The Law of Company Liquidation*.

Sir John Nosworthy CBE

In the Queen's Birthday Honours for 1988 Mr JR Nosworthy was created a Knight Bachelor for his outstanding service to the legal profession and the community. The term of Sir John Nosworthy, as a member of the Law Reform Commission of Queensland, expired on 31 December 1987. Sir John Nosworthy had been a member of the Law Reform Commission since 1 January 1976. He was a partner of Morris, Fletcher and Cross from 1947 until 1981, and the senior partner of the firm from 1969. He is a former President of the Queensland Law Society (1970-1972), and a former Vice-President of the Law Council of Australia. In 1973 he was awarded a CBE for his services to law and commerce. He has been a member of the National Companies and Securities Commission for eight years. He has been a member of that Commission since it was established. He was also a member of the former Interstate Corporate Affairs Commission for seven years.

Mr Russell Scott

In June 1988 Mr Russell Scott resigned as Deputy Chairman and member of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission. Mr Scott played a leading role in the work of the Commission since his appointment as Deputy Chairman in 1982. He was instrumental in establishing the Community Law Reform Program, and then he took charge of the Artificial Conception Reference. Under his direction, the Commission has already reported on In

Vitro Fertilization and a discussion paper on Surrogate Motherhood is nearing completion. Mr Scott, a former full-time member of the the Australian Law Reform Commission, is also a member of the Medical Research Ethics Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council. He leaves the Commission to join the legal firm of Mallesons Stephen Jaques as a consultant.

Judge TH Smith QC

Former ALRC Commissioner, Tim Smith, was appointed to the County Court of Victoria on 28 June 1988. Judge Smith was a full time member of the ALRC from 1980 to 1983 and a part-time member from 1984 to 1986. He was the Commissioner in Charge of the Evidence Division since his appointment as a full time member. This Division produced two reports on Evidence — ALRC 26 (interim) and ALRC 38. He was also the first member of the Victorian Bar appointed a full time ALRC Commissioner. Judge Smith was also a member of the Divisions on Access to the Courts, Class Actions and Standing and the Division on Criminal records. He has had a wide practice in administrative and commercial law. He was admitted to the bar in 1964 and took Silk in 1985.

ALRC

The appointment of Mr Ron Harmer, a part-time member of the Commission expired on 15 July 1988. He was a full-time member of the Commission from July 1984 to June 1987 and a part-time member of the Commission from August 1987. Mr Harmer was the Commissioner in charge of the reference on Insolvency. He is now a partner in the Sydney firm Dawson Waldron. On 30 May 1988 Ms Lynne Munnich commenced working as a personal secretary to Professor J Goldring, the Commissioner in charge of the reference on Product Liability. Prior to her appointment to the Commission's staff she was a secretary in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney.

NSWLRC

Three part-time members of the Commission, Dr Susan Fleming, Eva Learner and Professor Colin Phegan, have been reappointed until October 1988. Dr Sandra Egger has been seconded to the Commission and is working on the Appeals project within the Criminal Procedure Reference. Dr Egger, a former Deputy Director of the Bureau of Crime Statistics, has also been a Special Policy Adviser in the Premier's Office of NSW.

NTLRC

Mr Gordon Berner has resigned from the Committee, and has been replaced by Mr Peter McNab, a principal legal officer in the Australian Government Lawyer's Office. Dr Clyde Croft has resigned from the Committee, and the Department of Law where he was Secretary, to take up a position in private practice in Geelong.

TASLRC

The January 1988 issue of *Reform* contained information about the abolition of the Tasmanian Law Reform Commission. It was abolished by the Law Reform Commission Act 1987 (Tas) and replaced with a single Commissioner. The term of the Research Director, Mr Wayne Briscoe, expired in August 1988. He has now taken up a position as advocate for a Nuclear Test Compensation Fund in the Marshall Islands. Mr Bruce Piggott CBE, past Chairman of the Commission is also off to the Marshall's. Mr Piggott has been appointed chairman of an internationally constituted Nuclear Claims Tribunal which will determine disputes relating to claims on the compensation fund.

Tasmanian Law Reform Commissioner — The Hon Mr Justice Cosgrove

Justice Henry Cosgrove, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, was appointed Tasmanian Law Reform Commissioner in June 1988. Justice Cosgrove has been a judge

of the Supreme Court of Tasmania since January 1977. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974, first Crown Advocate in July 1973. Prior to that he worked in private practice. Justice Cosgrove is the Chairman of the Council of Law Reporting, a member of the Board of Legal Education, author of the 'Cosgrove Report on Tertiary Education in Tasmania' and former Chairman of the Tasmanian Racing Club. He was also former President and Secretary of the Tasmanian Bar Association and a Lecturer in Criminal Law at the University of Tasmania.

VLRC

Senior Law Reform Officer, Bronwyn Naylor has left the staff of the Commission to take up a part-time position at Monash University. Two law students have been providing research assistance in the Criminal Law Reference. Sue Rayner-Laver has assisted on the Child Sex Offences and Victims with Impaired Mental Functioning references and Ann-Marie Farrell has worked on the Homicide Reference. The Commission has recently recruited the services of two new administrative staff. They are Ms Kylie Owen and Ms Deanne Wade.

VLCC

Ms Kirsty McIntyre has recently joined the staff of the Committee as a Research Officer. Ms McIntyre came to the Committee from private practice.

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publications

Australia ALRC

- Draft Federal Court (Grouped Proceedings) Bill, 1988

NSWLRC

- Report on Evidence, 1988, LRC 56.

- Issues Paper on Sale of Goods, 1988, IP 5.

QLRC

- Working Paper on the Oaths Act 1874-1981, 1988, WP 31.

TasLRC

- Report on Compensation for Victims of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1987, No 52.

REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH CRIMINAL LAW

- Discussion Paper on Omnibus Provisions to Replace Provisions in Common Form in Particular Acts, 1988, DP 14.

VLCC

- Twelfth Report on Subordinate Legislation Concerning *MMBW By-law No-235: Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Employees' Superannuation Fund Regulations*, 1988.
- Discussion Paper on Freedom of Information, 1988.

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- Discussion Paper on Priorities, 1988, DP 6.
- Discussion Paper on Sale of Land, 1988, DP 8.
- Discussion Paper on Liquidated Damages and Penalties, 1988, DP 10.
- Discussion Paper on Genetic Manipulation, 1988, DP 11.
- Discussion Paper on Sexual Offences Against Children, 1988, DP 12.
- Discussion Paper on Homicide, 1988, DP 13.