

New Zealand
NZLRC

- Report on the Structure of the Courts, 1989, No 7.
- Preliminary Paper on Legislation and its Interpretation, 1988, PP 8.
- Preliminary Paper on the Treaty of Waitangi and Maori Fisheries, 1989, PP 9.

United Kingdom
Law Com

- Report on Landlord and Tenant Law: Privity of Contract and Estate, 1988, No 174.
- Consultation Paper on Conveyancing Chains: One Way to Throw Them Off — a consultation paper from The Conveyancing Standing Committee of the Law Commission, 1989.
- Local Authority Enquiries: Defeating Delays, Recommendations of the Conveyancing Standing Committee of the Law Commission, 1989.

Scot Law Com

- Report on Civil Liability — Contribution, 1988, No 115.
- Discussion Paper on Adjudications for Debt and Related Matters, 1988, DP 78.
- Discussion Paper on Equalisation of Diligences, 1988, DP 79.
- Discussion Paper on Evidence — Blood Group Tests, DNA Tests and Related Matters, 1988, DP 80.

United States
New York LRC

- Fifth-Fourth Annual Report 1988, 1989.

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what's going on in the lrc's

Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Admiralty*. Work in hand (WIH) on report on the Criminal Admiralty Jurisdiction.
- *Community Law Reform*.
- *Enduring Powers of Attorney*. Report was tabled on April 6, 1989.
- *Pre-Judgment Interest on Damages*. WIH.
- *Informed Consent*. WIH.
- *Childrens Evidence*. Draft Ordinance with the A-G.
- *Choice of Laws*. IP in preparation. Due for release in June.
- *Customs*. 3 papers have been released for consultation. Further papers on passenger processing, and customs control of cargo from the time of importation until release into home consumption are due to be issued in May and June.
- *Guardianship and Management of Property*. WIH.
- *Product Liability*. DP 37 containing draft legislation released in April 1989. Seminars will be held with interested groups in May.

New South Wales Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *Criminal Procedure*.
 - *Police Powers of Detention and Questioning*. Report nearing completion.
 - *Contempt of Court*. WIH.

- *Artificial Conception.*
 - *Surrogate Motherhood.* Report released.
- *Registration and Certification of Births and Deaths.* Report completed.
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution.* IP prepared.
- *Sale of Goods.* WIH.
- *Co-operative Law Reform.* WIH.
- *Informed Consent to Medical Treatment.* Draft report under consideration.
- *Assurance Fund.* IP completed.
- *Community Law Reform Program.*
 - *Contribution between Persons liable for the same Damage.* WIH.
 - *Disposal of Uncollected Goods.* Report completed.
 - *Dividing Fences.* Report completed.
 - *The Rule in Bain v Fothergill.* WIH.
 - *Wills for the Mentally Incapable.* WIH.
 - *Neighbour and Neighbour.* WIH.

Northern Territory Law Reform Commission
(NTLRC)

- *Administrative Appeals.* WIH.
- *Rules Against Perpetuities and Accumulations.* WIH on report.

Queensland Law Reform Commission
(QLRC)

- *Real Property Acts.* WIH.
- *Oaths Act.* WIH.
- *Arbitration Act.* WIH.

Tasmanian Law Reform Commissioner
(TasLRC)

- *Child Witnesses.* WIH on report.
- *Criminal Law and Procedure.*
 - *Criminal Code s 332, Alternative Verdicts.* WIH.
 - *Criminal Code s 157(1)(c), Murder.* Draft report completed and circulated for comment.
 - *Regulations relating to the Refrigeration etc of Blood taken for Blood Alcohol Tests.* WIH on draft report.
 - *Special Juries in Criminal Trials.* Draft report completed and circulated for comment.
 - *Settling Appeals Books — Court of Criminal Appeal.* WIH.
 - *Criminal Code s 252A — Dishonestly obtain a Financial Advantage.* Report forwarded to A-G.
- *Civil Procedure*
 - *Special Juries in Civil and Criminal Cases.* Draft report prepared and circulated for comment.
 - *Appeals Costs Fund Act 1968.* Draft report prepared and circulated for comment.
 - *Unclaimed Moneys Act 1918.* WIH.
 - *Split Trials.* WIH.
 - *Defective Premises.* WIH.
- *Insanity, Intoxication and Automatism under the Tasmanian Criminal Code.* WIH on draft report.
- *Shopping Centre Leases.* WIH
- *ALRC Draft Evidence Bill.* Recommendations forwarded to the AG.
- *Police Powers of Interrogation Following Arrest.* WIH.

Victorian Legal and Constitutional Committee
(VLCC)

- *Delays in Court.* WIH.
- *Australian Constitutional Convention and Commission.* WIH.
- *Law Relating to Charitable Trusts in Victoria.* Draft report under consideration. Anticipated their report will be presented to Parliament by May.
- *Public Liability of Voluntary Organisations.* Consideration of the draft report has been completed. Due for presentation to Parliament in April.
- *Use of Action for Breach of Confidence as a means of Protecting Personal Privacy.* WIH on DP. Due for release at the end of April.
- *Freedom of Information Act 1982.* Written submissions are still being received. Public hearings commenced on April 12.
- *Subordinate Legislation.* The Committee has considered up to SR 6/89.

Victorian Law Reform Commission
(VLRC)

- *Medicine Science and the Law.*
 - *Informed Consent to Medical Treatment.* Report due for tabling early in 1989.
 - *Genetic Manipulation.* WIH.
- *Land Law.*
 - *Easements and Covenants.* DP released.
 - *Trusts.* WIH on DP.
 - *Sale of Land Act.* WIH on report.
 - *Insurance.* WIH on DP.
 - *Priorities.* WIH on report.

- *Criminal Law.*

- *Homicide.* WIH on draft report.
- *Insanity and Automatism.* WIH.

- *Business and Commercial Law.*

- *Product Liability.* WIH on this joint reference.
- *Penalties and Liquidated Damages.* WIH on DP.

- *Public Administration.*

- *Equal Opportunity Act Review.* WIH on DP.
- *Occupational Regulation.* Reports on the *Sheepowners Protection Act* (No 3) and *Process Servers and Commercial Agents* (No 4) have been released.
- *Obsolete Legislation.* WIH on report.
- *Codes of Practice.* WIH on DP.
- *Police Standing Orders.* WIH.
- *Credit Act.* WIH on preliminary report.

Western Australia Law Reform Commission
(WALRC)

- *Criminal Process and Mental Disorder.* WIH on report.
- *Payment of Witnesses in Civil Proceedings.* WIH on report.
- *Medical Treatment for the Dying.* WIH on report.
- *Medical Treatment for Minors.* Comments on DP being considered.
- *Police Act Offences.* DP close to completion.
- *Incitement to Racial Hatred.* IP close to completion.
- *Wills: Marriage and Divorce.* DP in preparation.

- *Imperial Statutes*. Report in preparation.
- *Credit Reporting*. WIH on DP.
- *Confidentiality of Medical Records and Medical Research*. DP issued.
- *Evidence of Children and other Vulnerable Witnesses*. WIH on new reference.
- *Review of the Administration Act 1903*. WIH on new reference.
- *Review of the Sale of Goods Act 1895*. WIH on new reference.
- *Community Services and Health*. The Council is pursuing two stages of its examination of decision making in the Department of Community Services and Health. Stage 1 examines programs involving joint Commonwealth/State funding arrangements using current renegotiations on the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) as a starting point. Stage 2 of the project focusses on Departmental programs involving assessment of products, initially concentrating on therapeutic goods.

Administrative Review Council (ARC)

- *Pharmaceutical Benefits Incentive Payment Rules 1988*. Letters of advice provided to the A-G.
- *Draft Ordinance for the Proposed A.C.T. Vocational Training Authority*. Letters of advice provided to the A-G.
- *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Bill 1989*. Letters of advice provided to the A-G.
- *Draft Ordinances in the Administrative Law Package for ACT Self Government*. Letters of advice provided to the A-G.
- *Recommendations of the Veterans' Entitlements Act Monitoring Committee*. Letters of advice provided to the A-G.
- *Access to Administrative Review*. Following the series of meetings with senior departmental staff in late 1988, the Council decided to focus on the role of information and advisory services for the next stage of its access project. Preliminary work is under way.
- *Review of the AD(JR) Act*. Preliminary work has commenced on the next stage of this project, prior to preparation of a DP on statements of reasons under the *AD(JR) Act*.
- *Migration*. The Council's Migration Committee is currently examining the *Migration Legislation Amendment Bill 1989* with regard to the implications of its proposals for a new system of immigration review which is to be 'fair, just, economical, informal and quick'.
- *Other Tribunals*. As a first step in determining ways in which the Council might be able to assist the operation of the various intermediate level tribunals, the Council is planning a meeting of the tribunals later in the year and is developing a statistical database on their activities.

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (H of R)

- *Inquiry into Mergers, Takeovers and Monopolies*. WIH
- *Inquiry into the Legal Regimes of Australia's External Territories*. WIH.
- *Inquiry into Insider Trading and other Forms of Market Manipulation*. WIH on this new reference.

**Senate Standing Committee on Legal
and Constitutional Affairs**
(Sen)

- *Social and Fiduciary Duties and Responsibilities of Company Directors.* Public hearings have been held. Draft report in preparation.

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new references

WALRC

- *Evidence of Children and other Vulnerable Witnesses.*
- *Review of the Administration Act 1903.*
- *Review of the Sale of Goods Act 1895.*

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- *Inquiry into Insider Trading and Other Forms of Market Manipulation.*

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