

## From the Editor...

*Reform* is tackling a very hot topic in this edition of the journal. The theme of 'National and International Security' not only allows us to explore issues of international law, international and national cooperation, and civil liberties, it also examines one of the most hotly debated areas of law and politics at this time.

As always, we have tried to present a sample of the interesting issues of this theme in a balanced and thoughtful way. This edition starts with a summary, by ALRC intern Kirsten Storry, of some of the legal and policy issues that are examined in more detail in the following articles.

Professors Peter Grabosky and Michael Stohl give us an insight into a 'new' form of terrorism with an article on cyberterrorism (page 8). With Robert Cryer we then look at the prosecution of terrorism and whether this can be done in the International Criminal Court (page 14).

On the domestic front, Anthony Bergin and Derek Woolner have provided a fascinating article on homeland security issues in Australia, looking at our intelligence networks and considering issues of federal/state cooperation (page 17). Professor Hilary Charlesworth's article (page 26) examines the importance of human rights in the wake of terrorism and increased security measures.

Dianne Otto (page 30) provides an interesting examination of the contributions of women to international peace activism. Finally, Mary Anne Kenny discusses the UN Refugee Convention and exclusions in relation to persons accused of terrorist activities (page 37).

From the ALRC, this issue includes an article by Kate Connors providing an overview of the recommendations of the recent report ALRC 95 *Principled Regulation* (page 44), while Professor Anne Finlay introduces a new ALRC inquiry into gene patenting (page 52). There is also a feature by Justice Michael Kirby about the ALRC's 'winning formula' (page 58).

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