

later in 1994. This will be a substantial boost to the Australian extraterritorial law on child sexual exploitation.

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NEW BOOKS

Philip Alston (ed.), *Children, Rights, and the Law*, Oxford University Press, Australia, 1992. Using the Convention as a framework the contributors to this volume set out to re-evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of approaching issues of children's welfare and well-being through the lens of a "rights" approach. Available from Oxford University Press, GPO Box 2784Y, Melbourne, 3001. \$44.95.

Geraldine van Bueren (ed.), *International Documents on Children*, Martinus Nijhoff, The Netherlands, 1993.

A collection of documents on children which have either a regional or a global significance. Both private international law and public international law treaties are included as well as recommendations and resolutions adopted by global, regional and intergovernmental organisations. Available from Kluwer Academic Publishers Group, P.O. Box 322, 3300 AH Dordrecht, The Netherlands. Dfl.225.00/£89.00.

COMING EVENTS

25th - 27th January, 1994: *Social Research and the Quality: First Conference of the Australian Association for Social Research*, University of Tasmania, Launceston. Ph: (003) 243-535.

4th - 5th February, 1994: *Families and Violence: International Year of the Family Conference*, Macquarie University, Sydney. Ph (02) 739 2100.

25th -26th February, 1994: *First National Conference: Community, Families and Children's Services Working Together -The Challenges of Access and Equity*, National Peak Ethnic Children's Services Group, The Holme Building, Sydney University. Ph (02) 569 1288.
28th February - 1st March 1994: *Public Health Association Conference on Suicide*, Canberra. Ph (06) 285 2373.

19th - 20th March, 1994: National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect 4th Biennial Conference: *Putting Children in Families First*, YWCA Sydney. Ph: (02) 223 3565.

23rd - 25th November, 1994: *Violence Against Children*, Australian Institute of Criminology Conference, Canberra, Ph (06)274 0226.



REPORT ON OPPOSITION'S ABOUT-FACE ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The attempt by the Federal Opposition to prevent the inclusion of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRoC) in the *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986* has failed by two votes.

The vote along party lines was predictable once the Democrats and the WA Greens combined in the Senate to defeat the Motion of Disallowance initiated by Shadow Attorney-General Daryl Williams. In the lower house the motion was also defeated and Opposition House of Representatives member Steele Hall crossed the floor to support the government, claiming of his colleagues: "It is a great disappointment that so many cannot or will not understand this Declaration."

The formal step of listing CRoC as a human rights instrument over which the HREOC has jurisdiction has now been successfully completed.

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