



NOTICES

HAPPENINGS

Review of heritage protection legislation

Elizabeth Evatt has been commissioned by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to review the Commonwealth's *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*. A key question for the review will be 'How effective is the Act in protecting areas and objects of significance to indigenous peoples?'. One objective is to foster greater co-operation between the Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments.

Ms Evatt will examine whether there is adequate scope under the Act for applications to be successfully resolved through mediation and whether the Act makes appropriate provision for the protection of areas or objects during mediation.

The review will also consider whether administrative guidelines and an authority, tribunal or commission should be established to administer the Act.

Reporting date is end May 1996. To contact Ms Evatt's staff tel 06 289 3525 or fax 06 281 5421.

The faltering adversarial system

The Australian Law Reform Commission will examine and suggest changes to federal civil, administrative law and family law proceedings. Any suggested changes will be geared to create a structure for dispute resolution capable of dealing with the volume and complexity of modern litigation. It has been suggested that the adversarial system is largely responsible for lack of access to justice. The Commission will first report in September 1997.

Help for remote Queensland women

The Brisbane Women's Legal Service is to extend its services to those women who have traditionally little access to legal services with a new free call legal advice telephone service. The service can be reached on 1800 677 278 and can assist with anything from domestic violence to wills and traffic offences.

Law graduates honoured

The efforts of Joachim Delaney and Benjamin Zisper in organising the first Australian Model United Nations Conference for university students in July

1995 are to be recognised by the University of New South Wales Alumni Association. Jeremy Philips is also to receive an award from the Association for his achievements. Jeremy co-authored a debating book, writes an opinion column for the *Financial Review* and has worked with disadvantaged children, fostering their confidence through public speaking.

Libel suit against arms campaigners

The organisers of the Covert Operational Procurement Exhibition (COPEX) in Surrey have sued members of the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) for libel. Companies supplying riot control, counter insurgency equipment and public order weapons exhibit at COPEX and, in the past, countries including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Israel, Columbia, Singapore, Mexico and Algeria were represented. CAAT is calling for donations to help with legal bills. To contribute write to CAAT, Freepost LON 6486, London N43BR.

Gay and lesbian prison outreach project

GLAD has commenced a prisoner outreach project in order to support gay men, lesbians and people of transgender, who are particularly vulnerable in traditional prison settings. The GLAD project aims to offer support from other lesbians and gay men. Those who would like to get involved should contact GLAD at PO Box 2203, St Kilda, Victoria 3182.

PUBLICATIONS

Aboriginal Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence Legal Help Service visited Aboriginal communities in the NT to educate about domestic violence and examine the problems of the legal system's response to domestic violence in remote communities. Their report addresses the legal response to domestic violence and comments on policing practices, restraining orders and court processes. The report is available from the Darwin Community Legal Service which can be contacted on tel 089 413 394.

New legislation index

The Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel recently launched the completely revised *Subject Index of Legislation Victoria*. The new index has 2000 entry points to legislation and is cross-

referenced. It is available from Information Victoria for \$48.00.

Indigenous law reporter

Late last year the new quarterly, *Australian Indigenous Law Reporter*, was launched. The *AILR* reproduces topical primary material from many sources including the United Nations. The *AILR* will be useful to anyone interested in indigenous and related issues and is available by contacting Jennie Hacker on tel: 02 221 6199 or fax: 02 221 5923.

CONFERENCES

The AAT—20 Years Forward

A national conference marking the 20th anniversary of the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal
1-2 July 1996
Convention Centre, Canberra

Contact: AIAL Secretariat
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Criminology

The Australian Institute of Criminology's National Conference Program for 1996 is as follows:

18-19 April Prosecuting Justice
(Melbourne)

June Australian Law and the Diplomatic Community (Canberra)

July Superannuation Fraud
(Melbourne)

August Women in Law Enforcement (Sydney)

October Family Violence
(Adelaide)

For further information contact Conference Administration at the Australian Institute of Criminology on 06 260 9200 or fax them on 06 260 9201.

Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

The AIJA's fifteenth annual conference will be held on 21-22 September 1996, with a welcome on 20 September, in Wellington, New Zealand. For further information contact Margaret McHutchison on (03) 9347 6600.