

FOREWORD

Welcome to this first volume of the Canberra Law Review for 2012.

This edition deals with a number of issues of international, national and local significance. Afroza Begum writes about the important issue of equal opportunity for women in the workplace. This is a harder goal to achieve where there are cultural issues that impact on the status of women. Devdeep Ghosh provides an interesting discussion of the scope of the fiduciary relationship – a legal concept that is relevant as a standard for behaviour in many facets of society. It highlights the developing nature of the relationship and its capacity to respond to changes in society. Sophie Riley writes on an important but relatively unexplored area of environmental law – that of the regulation of invasive alien species. This is essential for the health of our water management systems, a very topical issue. Finally, Anita Mackay writes about an issue of particular significance to the Canberra region – that of the stated role of the Alexander Maconochie Centre in achieving therapeutic outcomes for prisoners. It analyses the potentially conflicting nature of a sentence of imprisonment and the aim of rehabilitation and looks, in particular, at the approach taken in establishing the Alexander Maconochie Centre in Canberra.

We have also included one non-refereed piece – a case note by Gregor Urbas on the recent decision of the High Court of Australia in *Aytugrul v The Queen* dealing with the admissibility of DNA evidence.

As always, the production of this volume is a team effort. Particular thanks are due to Skye Masters for her editing work. I hope you enjoy the volume.

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