

## Acknowledgements

It was easy to draw contributors to this volume. The reputation Enid Campbell has forged through her immense contribution to Australian legal scholarship is well known. This book recognises that contribution by drawing together distinguished contributors to write on a range of topics that reflect the diversity of Enid's own scholarship. The common theme in the topics selected by contributors is one that Enid's own work and the title of this volume reflect – law and government. If this book had been written in honour of any other public law scholar, it could have carried a more specific title for administrative or constitutional law. But Enid Campbell is one scholar whose work spans each arm of public law and, equally, the influence that judicial power exerts over each. That spread of work makes Enid a public law scholar in the fullest sense of the word. Her achievements in the different areas of public law are all the more remarkable in light of the evolution of both constitutional and administrative laws. The continued growth of the Australian scholarship in those areas of law in the last forty years mirrors Australia's evolution into a mature sovereign nation.<sup>1</sup>

Most scholars find it difficult to maintain expertise in one of these areas, let alone both. But the need for expertise in both cannot be avoided. That at least is one possible view of the High Court's increasing use of constitutional rhetoric in applications for judicial review commenced in the original jurisdiction of the court. There is some irony that the evolution of Australian constitutional and administrative law to a distinctly Australian flavour appears to be leading those areas on a path of greater doctrinal unity similar to that of England. Although Australian public law is taking an increasingly independent route from its English origins, the increasing links between constitutional and administrative law highlight the inexorable link between the two that has always prevailed in England. The final product will, however, be a public law of a truly Australian character. That path would not have been possible without scholars such as Enid Campbell. The publication of this volume is a fitting recognition of that contribution.

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