

APPENDIX TWO

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LAW, ETHICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Institute was established by Griffith University in order to promote the application of ethical, legal and political philosophy to current legal problems and to seek solutions to national problems via a combination of ethical standard setting, legal regulation and institutional reform.

Initially, the Institute will take on the research projects the new Dean of Law had been pursuing and developing while at the Melbourne Centre for Philosophy and Public Issues. Some of these projects will be pursued in conjunction with that Centre and others pursued solely by the Institute.

New projects will be developed by the Director and Staff of the Institute.

Aims and Objectives:

To provide a national focus for interdisciplinary research by lawyers, philosophers and others into current legal problems and into the possibility of tackling wider social problems with a combination of ethical standard setting, legal regulation and institutional reform.

To develop curricula for interdisciplinary courses in the issues researched by the institute, including undergraduate, graduate, professional and continuing education.

To improve the quality and depth of public debate on the issues it covers, and simultaneously to improve the quality and relevance of legal and philosophical research by exposing it to the urgent practical issues of the day.

The challenge which this institute sets for itself is to re-establish the traditional linkages between philosophy, law and public debate.

Institute Projects:

During 1990, the Institute will pursue the following projects in conjunction with the Melbourne Centre:

- Legal Ethics.
- Retrospectivity and the Rule of Law.
- Law, Ethics and Business.

The Institute will be developing other projects including:

- Australian Constitutional Theory
- Ethics, Rights and Tax.

Institute Funding:

Funding for the Institute is divided into two categories. **Core funding** is for central activities, especially the salaries and equipment for the Director and Secretary. Griffith University has committed a total of \$300,000 to the

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Institute for core funding - \$50,000 per annum for three years from the University fund and \$30,000 per annum for a minimum of five years from the Law School.

The other category is **project funding**. This is being actively sought from government and non government sources. The projects have already secured some \$180,000 of funding while they were being run by Professor Sampford from the Melbourne Centre. For calendar 1992, a further \$139,000 has been received or committed in grants, donations and fees.