## **DEDICATION**

This issue of the Monash University Law Review is dedicated to Professor Louis Waller. Professor Waller is the Sir Leo Cussen Professor of Law at Monash University and has held that position since 1965. It is most appropriate that we celebrate his distinguished contribution as a professor in the Faculty of Law for over thirty years. He has provided continuous inspiration in the Faculty as a scholar, teacher, and administrator. He has also been a mentor to both staff and students. Outside the Law School he has maintained a high profile, especially in the areas of law reform and the regulation of medical procedures.

The articles published in this issue relate to various areas of scholarship and teaching in which Professor Waller has distinguished himself: *law and ethics* (K Amarasekara, "Euthanasia and the Quality of Legislative Safeguards"); *law and medicine* (L Skene, "When Can Doctors Treat Patients Who Cannot or Will Not Consent?"); *law and cultural issues* (L Haberfield, "The Law and Male Circumcision in Australia: Medical, Legal and Cultural Issues"); *criminal law and procedure* (A Palmer, "Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutions and the Presentation of the Child's Story"; D Hamer, "The Continuing Saga of the Chamberlain Direction: Untangling the Cables and Chains of Criminal Proof"); *law of evidence* (B Marshall, "Admissibility of Implied Assertions: Towards a Reliability-based Exception to the Hearsay Rule"); *introduction to law and legal theory* (M J Trebilcock, "An Introduction to Law and Economics"); *law reform* (P Smith, "Determining the Standard Compensation for the Expropriation of Nationalised Assets: Themes for the Future").

In furtherance of our purpose of acknowledging Professor Waller's contribution, we invited the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Bob Williams, to write an appreciation of Professor Waller's work and career. This follows.

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