

that the wildly conflicting attitudes to sexual behaviour and the importance of blood ties are a feature of the 'code of custom' in many areas of Papua New Guinea, and that this has led to bewilderment at the application of the Criminal Code.

This code, by the way, was drafted not by Stephen, but by Sir Samuel Griffith, using the models of Stephen and Macaulay.

5. The reference to "Australian Law" and *R. v. Parker* (1964) A.C. 1369 is inaccurate. *Parker's Case* does reflect the common law as applied in Australia, but in Papua New Guinea, as in Queensland, W.A., and possibly Tasmania where a Criminal Code applies the law is slightly different.

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