

FOREWORD

This is the fifth volume of the *University of Notre Dame Australia Law Review*, and the last to which I will write a foreword as editor.

The Law Review commenced publication in 1999, two years after the Foundation of the College of Law. Over the first five years of its life, it has dealt with topics from commercial law to the constitutional implications of a republic, and many things in between.

It always has displayed a strong interest in the legal dimensions of ethics, widely conceived, and this issue is no exception. Justice Robert French makes an important contribution on the application of ethics at each end of human life, while Stephen Colbran considers independence and integrity as criteria for the evaluation of judicial performance.

More broadly, David Whiley and Barbara Hocking examine issues pertaining to DNA and its interaction with law and public policy, while Jackson Nyamuya Maogoto considers democratic governance as an emerging customary norm.

Western Australia is a State with only two printed law reviews. The College of Law at the University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of the contribution of its review to the intellectual life of the community, and looks forward to many more issues.

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