

## EDITORIAL

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Intellectual Property has long been a dynamic and challenging area of law. Over recent years, this dynamism has captivated the general population on a new scale as intellectual property has begun to impact our lives in more obvious ways via science, technology and entertainment. Intellectual property now makes headlines often. Recent examples include cases dealing with the liability of Internet Service Providers for file sharing (*Roadshow Films Pty Ltd v iiNet Limited*, currently on appeal to the High Court), patent disputes between large companies such as Apple and Samsung and copyright infringement cases such as *EMI Songs Australia Pty Ltd v Larrikin Music Publishing Pty Ltd*.

With this in mind, the time was right for the UNSW Law Journal to publish an edition on intellectual property in Australia. I hope that this Forum issue will contribute in a meaningful way to the field. The Forum features articles on trade marks, plant breeder's rights and various aspects of copyright law, including copyright law reform, open government and Creative Commons licensing and fair use.

It is also important to note the focus of this issue on emerging voices in Intellectual Property, with all but one article in the Forum being written by an early career academic or practitioner. There is now increasing pressure to publish in journals with an A\* ranking. Intellectual Property is also a field in which there is a wealth of literature. With this in mind, providing young people with opportunities to publish their work is crucial. It provides them with a place to gain experience, contribute in a significant way and connect and engage with more established people in the field. I hope this Forum serves as a launching pad for many future contributions to legal scholarship in Australia.

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