

Victorian Law Reform Commissioner (V.L.R.C.)

- \* Innocent Misrepresentation in Contract: See *New References*

Victorian Statute Law Revision Committee (V.S.L.R.C.)

- \* Animals: Protection of Animals (2 Projects): Interim Report due this Sitting.
- \* Imperial Acts Application Act: W.I.H. actively. Report expected this Sitting.
- \* Constitution: W.I.H. on review of the Constitution Act, 1975.
- \* Privacy: Not yet proceeding actively.
- \* Magistrates (Summary Proceedings) Act s.44: Not yet proceeding actively.
- \* Constitution Bill 1976 (Office of Profit): Proceeding actively. Witnesses called. Report due this Sitting.
- \* Infancy: Evidence completed. Draft Report considered, due late March, 1977.
- \* Adoption: Adoption of Children Act 1964 W.I.H.

Western Australian Law Reform Commission (W.A.L.R.C.)

See [1976] *Reform* 78

- \* Privacy: Joint meeting with A.L.R.C. to be held 2 April 1976.
- \* Interest on Judgment Debts: See *New References*.

## New References

The following are the new references received since January 1977:

- A.L.R.C: Locus Standi, Class Actions and Access to the Courts. See p. 28 above.
  - : Aboriginal Customary Laws: See p. 25 above.
- N.S.W.L.R.C: Unincorporated Associations: For urgent report.
- P.N.G.L.R.C: Administrative Law: General Review, received March 1977.
  - : Local & District Courts: Review of, received March 1977.
- S.A. Royal Comm: Juvenile Courts: His Honour Judge R.F. Mohr enquiring into whether any changes in legislation or otherwise are necessary to implement policy of Juvenile Courts Act.
- V.L.R.C: Misrepresentation in Contract along the lines of English and South Australian legislation, referred Oct. 1976.
- V.C.J.C: Constitution Act 1975: Sub-committee established to report to V.S.L.R.C. on review of the Act.
  - : Supreme Court Act: Foreign attachment
  - : Arbitration: Sub-committee established to examine N.S.W.L.R.C. report re uniform commercial arbitration legislation.
- W.A.L.R.C: Interest on Judgment Debts: Assessing compensation after judgment obtained, taking into account the interest (or inflation) factor.

## Personalia

Administrative Review Council

With the announced appointment of Professor Jack Richardson as Commonwealth Ombudsman, the Administrative Review Council is now complete. The President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Mr. Justice Brennan and the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission, Mr. Justice Kirby, are ex officio members, as is the Ombudsman. Other members are Mr. L.G. Daniels, O.B.E., Mr. A.F. Deer, C.M.G., Mr. R.V. Gyles, Q.C., Mr. C.W. Harders, O.B.E., Mr. G.J. Kolts, Mr. D.L. Linehan and Professor H. Whitmore. The Council has been meeting monthly in Canberra following its first meeting, opened by the Attorney-General on 10 December 1976. Under the Act the functions of the Council include those of keeping administrative decisions under review and making recommendations concerning methods of review and improvements in procedures. It promises to be a very active Council.

Mr. Eric Freeman

Mr. E.G. Freeman, has assumed the position of Chairman of the W.A.L.R.C. Born in Wellington, New Zealand, Mr. Freeman practised as a Barrister and Solicitor in N.Z. until 1969 when he moved to Western Australia. He was for five years a part-time lecturer in Commercial Law at the Victoria University. He joined the Crown Law Department in W.A. and is at present Senior Assistant Crown Solicitor. He was a Member of the W.A.L.R.C. from its inception in 1973. This is his second term as Chairman and he will hold this office for a year. He replaces Mr. D.K. Malcolm, by rotation. Mr. Malcolm remains a member of the W.A.L.R.C.

His Honour Judge Trevor Martin Q.C.

As announced in the last issue of *Reform* Judge Martin has been appointed a Commissioner of the N.S.W.L.R.C. Educated at Sydney High School and Sydney University, he was called to the N.S.W. Bar in 1938. For ten years he was Challis Lecturer in Evidence at the Sydney Law School. He took a leading part in the establishment of the Council for Civil Liberties in N.S.W. and was its Vice President for three years. His concern for the underdog and experience in the profession ensure a unique contribution to the N.S.W.L.R.C.'s reference on the legal profession. He was appointed to the N.S.W. District Court in 1973.

Mr. Neville Crago

On 19 January 1977 the W.A. Attorney-General, Mr. Medcalf announced the appointment of Mr. N.H. Crago as a Commissioner of the W.A.L.R.C. in succession to Professor Harding. The Act was amended to permit appointment of a Senior Lecturer, the position Mr. Crago holds at the W.A. Law School. He took a B.A., in music at Melbourne University and an honours degree in law with subsequent LL.M., there, followed by an LL.M. at Yale University where he was a Stirling Fellow. Mr. Crago moved to W.A. in 1967 and is Editor of the *Uni of W.A. L.Rev.* His special interests include international trade law.

Professor A.L. Diamond

Appointed a Law Commissioner in 1971 Professor Aubrey Diamond resigned in September 1976 to accept appointment as Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London. He will visit Australia in July 1977 to present a paper on law reform to the Legal Convention in Sydney. His successor in the Law Commission is Dr. Peter M. North.

Mr. Julian Disney

Mr. J.H.P. Disney has been appointed a Commissioner of the N.S.W. L.R.C. Born in 1947 he obtained an LL.B. degree from the University of Adelaide in 1968. He won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1970. In 1974 he was appointed Lecturer in Law at the University of New South Wales. He was appointed by the Commonwealth Attorney-General as a consultant in the A.L.R.C. reference on *Complaints Against Police* A.L.R.C.1. He is presently assisting the Commission on the Supplementary Report on that subject. He has written widely on administrative law and procedures.

P.N.G.L.R.C. Changes

The P.N.G.L.R.C. has seen a number of changes in personnel. Mr. Ross de Vere, LL.B. (Melbourne) and Mr. Allen Marsh B.A., LL.B. (Syd) have joined the P.N.G.L.R.C. as Principal Legal Officer and Senior Legal Officer respectively. Mr. Samson Kaipu B.A., LL.B. (U.P.N.G.) joined the Commission as its Senior Projects Officer in January 1977. In his B.A. degree, Mr. Kaipu studied anthropology. He recently completed a study of aspects of customary marriage in P.N.G. In December 1976 he attended a United Nations Course on Human Rights in Canberra. Between May and August 1976 Professor Yash Ghai of the Scandanavian Institute of African Studies was working with the Commission as a consultant. His services were provided by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation.

Mr. Nick O'Neil resigned as first Secretary of the P.N.G.L.R.C., to take up an appointment with the new Law School at the N.S.W. Institute of Technology in Sydney. Mr. O'Neil was educated at Melbourne University and served in a wide variety of important positions in P.N.G. just before and at the time of Independence. He took an important part in assisting the Inquiry into Land Tenures. He is maintaining his link with law reform and has offered the A.L.R.C. assistance on its Aboriginal Customary Laws Reference.

The new Secretary of the P.N.G.L.R.C. is Dr. Abdul Paliwala. Dr. Paliwala took up duties on 1 March 1977, seconded from the University of P.N.G., where he is a Senior Lecturer in Law. He previously lectured at the University of Belfast and also worked with First Parliamentary Draftsmen's Office in Northern Ireland.

A.L.R.C. Changes

The first Librarian of the A.L.R.C., Mr. Roy Jordan has left the Commission to spend a time in London. Mr. Jordan came to the A.L.R.C. from the N.S.W.L.R.C. He set up the comprehensive library of the A.L.R.C. At the May 1976 meeting of Law Reform Agencies in Canberra, he presented a paper on law reform libraries. Some details of his career appear in [1976] *Reform* 15. The new Librarian is Virginia Pursell, B.A. (N.S.W.), Dip.Lib. (Canberra). She comes from the Library in the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra where she helped edit the legal information service bulletin Agis.

Mr. John Hipsley has replaced Steven Crawshaw, by rotation, as the A.L.R.C. Chairman's Associate. He holds the degrees of B.Com., LL.B.(N.S.W.). He is assisting in the A.L.R.C.'s *Digest* project and in research on the new *Aboriginal Customary Laws* reference.

Current Chairmen of Australasian Law Reform Commissions:

Since the list published in [1976] *Reform* 15 there have been a number of changes in the Chairmen of Australasian L.R.C.s. Current Chairmen are -

A.L.R.C.	Sydney	:	The Hon. Mr. Justice M.D. Kirby
N.S.W.L.R.C.	Sydney	:	The Hon. Mr. Justice J.H. Wootten
N.T.L.R.C.	Darwin	:	The Hon. Mr. Justice R.C. Ward (Acting)
N.Z.C.C.L.R.C.	Wellington	:	Mr. C.I. Patterson
N.Z.C.L.R.C.	Wellington	:	Mr. R.C. Savage, Q.C., S.G.
N.Z.P.L.E.R.C.	Auckland	:	Mr. C.P. Hutchison, Q.C., M.B.E.
N.Z.T.G.L.R.C.	Wellington	:	Mr. I.L. McKay
P.N.G.L.R.C.	Port Moresby	:	Mr. B.M. Narakobi
Q.L.R.C.	Brisbane	:	The Hon. Mr. Justice D.G. Andrews
S.A.C.L.R.C.	Adelaide	:	The Hon. Justice R.F. Mitchell, C.B.E.
S.A.L.R.C.	Adelaide	:	The Hon. Mr. Justice H.E. Zelling, C.B.E.
Tas. L.R.C.	Hobart	:	Mr. C.G. Brettingham-Moore, M.C.
V.C.J.C.	Melbourne	:	The Hon. Sir Oliver Gillard
V.L.R.C.	Melbourne	:	Vacant
V.S.L.R.C.	Melbourne	:	Mr. A.T. Evans, M.L.A.
W.A.L.R.C.	Perth	:	Mr. E.G. Freeman

## A.L.R.C. Publications

The following are the publications of the A.L.R.C. still in print:

A.L.R.C.1 :	<i>Complaints Against Police</i> , 1975 (\$2.90) plus postage
A.L.R.C.2 :	<i>Criminal Investigation</i> , 1975 (\$4.40)
A.L.R.C.3 :	<i>Annual Report</i> , 1975 (History of Australian law reform) (\$2.00)
A.L.R.C.4 :	<i>Alcohol, Drugs &amp; Driving</i> , 1976 (\$6.35)
A.L.R.C.5 :	<i>Annual Report</i> , 1976 (\$2.50)
W.P.3 :	Consumers in Debt 1976 (Bankruptcy Act reforms)
W.P.4 :	Defamation 1976
W.P.5 :	Human Tissue Transplants, 1977
W.P.6 :	Complaints Against Police: Supplementary Report.
Discn.P.1 :	Defamation - Options for Reform

The Australian Interim Law Reform Digest (for the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General)  
Periodicals: Reform 1-6; Quarterly Law Reform Digest Supplement (No.1 Jan. 1976 to No.5 April, 1977).

A.L.R.A.C: Minutes & Record of Australian Law Reform Agencies Conferences 1973-6

The Commission's reports are available from the Australian Government Publishing Service -

Canberra :	113 London Circuit, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600 (Telephone: 47-7211)
Melbourne :	347 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 (Telephone: 663-3010)
Brisbane :	Shop 42, The Valley Centre, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000 (Telephone: 52-5526)
Sydney :	309 Pitt Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 (Telephone: 211-4755)
Hobart :	162 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000 (Telephone: 23-7151)
Perth :	200 St. George Terrace, Perth, W.A. 6000 (Telephone: 22-4737)
Adelaide :	2 Pirie Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000 (Telephone: 87-3646)

Sydney.

1 April 1977.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Attorney-General, his Department or the Commission. Correspondence, information and views should be addressed to G.P.O. Box 3708, Sydney, N.S.W., 2001 (Telephone 02-231-1733 (Sydney)).



The Law  
Reform  
Commission