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## What's going on in the L.R.C.s

#### Australian Law Reform Commission (A.L.R.C.)

- *Complaints Against Police: Supplementary Report*. Draft legislation settled. Report to the printer.
- *Privacy*. Work in hand (W.I.H.). A series of 14 in-house research papers (statistics, computers, education records etc.) are being completed.
- *Defamation*. Draft legislation under review. Draft report for final decisions to Commission in April 1978. See p. 26.
- *Debt Recovery*. Discussion paper for distribution April 1978. See p. 25.
- *Insurance Contracts*. Paper on *Conduct of Insurance Intermediaries* being prepared.
- *Access to the Courts: Locus Standi and Class Actions*. D.P.4 distributed with W.P.7 (Stand-

ing in public suits). Study paper on class actions having limited distribution. W.P. due June 1978.

- *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. Consultations continuing. Research programme and itinerary available.
- *Lands Acquisition*. D.P.5 distributed. Public hearings April-May 1978. See p. 32, 36.
- *Law Reform Digest*. Work proceeding for 1978 publication. See Senate Committee Inquiry, p. 33.

#### **N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (N.S.W.L.R.C.)**

- *Annual Report 1977*. Now available. See p. 24.
- *Legal Profession Inquiry*. W.I.H. The Commission is considering submissions received from the public, the Law Society and Bar Associations. W.I.H. on a paper on Professional Indemnity Insurance. See p. 24, 25.
- *Evidence*. The Commission has completed its consideration of a final report on *Hearsay Evidence*. Draft W.P.s on other aspects of evidence law prepared.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. W.I.H. The Commission is considering suggested modifications to existing draft legislation.
- *Administration Bonds*. Report nearing completion.
- *Money Judgments*. W.I.H. Co-operation with A.L.R.C.

#### **N.T. Law Review Committee (N.T.L.R.C.)**

As [1978] *Reform* 18.

#### **N.Z. Defamation Committee**

- Report of Defamation Reform, December 1977. See p. 26.

#### **N.Z. Law Reform Committees**

Not available.

#### **Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission (P.N.G.L.R.C.)**

Not available.

#### **Queensland Law Reform Commission (Q.L.R.C.)**

- *Children's Services*. W.I.H.
- *Pawnbrokers' Act*. Report submitted.
- *Secondhand Dealers' Act*. W.P. almost finished.
- *Crown Proceedings Act*. Report being finalised.
- *Bail*. W.P. about to be distributed.
- *Criminal Law Matters*. Still open for comment on W.P.
- *Animals: Liability for Damage*. Comments being considered. W.I.H.
- *Privacy*. Work has begun on new reference.

#### **South Australian Law Reform Committee (S.A.L.R.C.)**

- *Infants' Contracts*. W.I.H.
- *Gaming and Wagering*. W.I.H.
- *Contribution Amongst Tortfeasors*. Report in draft form.
- *Solar Energy*. W.I.H. First draft of report under study.
- *Conversion and Detinue*. Work begun on new reference.

- *Evidence: Compellability and Competence of Spouses*. Work begun.

#### **Tasmanian Law Reform Commission (Tas.L.R.C.)**

- *Evidence: Admissibility of Computer Data*. Final report submitted Dec. 1977. To be tabled April 1978 when Parliament resumes.
- *Drinking Drivers*. Course for disqualified drivers. *ibid*.
- *Landlord & Tenant: Residential Tenancies*. *ibid*.
- *Goods: Disposal of Uncollected and Found Goods*. Returned to committee for comparative law information.
- *Exemption Clauses and Implied Obligation*. W.I.H. with Consumer Affairs Council.
- *Evidence: Corroboration*. Draft report to March meeting.
- *Civil Procedure*. *ibid*.
- *Criminal Code: Civil Disabilities of Convicted Persons*. *ibid*.

#### **Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee (V.C.J.C.)**

- *Occupiers' Liability*. Draft bill still awaited.
- *Wills: Construction*. W.I.H.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. W.I.H.
- *Oaths and Affirmations*. W.I.H.
- *Insurance on Real Property*. Committee report awaiting consideration.
- *Habeas Corpus Act*. W.I.H.
- *Foreign Attachments*. W.I.H.
- *Commercial Arbitration*. Remitted to Standing Committee of A.G.s.
- *Contribution*. W.I.H.
- *Sale of Land on Deferred Terms*. W.I.H.

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

- *Pre-Incorporation Contracts*. W.I.H.
- *Innocent Misrepresentation in Contracts*. Draft report circulated.
- *Criminal Law: Duress, Coercion and Necessity*. W.I.H.

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

No inquiries completed since last issue.

As [1978] *Reform* 19. Evidence on the *Constitution Act* reference commenced. It is unknown when a report will be tabled in Parliament.

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

- *Highway Authorities: Liability for Non-feasance*. (No. 62.) W.P. due soon.
- *Defamation: Privileged reports*. Criminal Code Amendment Act 1977 implements recommendations (No. 8).
- *Children: Legal Representation*. Legal Representation of Children Act 1977 and Sutors' Fund Amendment Act 1977 implement report (No. 23).
- *Law Summer School*. Papers by Mr. Freeman (History of W.A.L.R.C.), Mr. Crago (Bail), and Mr. Ogilvie (Defamation).