

the Federal Minister for Health Dr Blewett. As a result of the special Premiers' Conference on Drugs held in April 1985 the Federal Government offered to legislate to allow State police forces to tap telephones during drug investigations. Dr Blewett said that the proposed powers would be subject to stringent controls over their use by the States. These controls would include warrants from Supreme Court judges and a system of periodic reporting to State and Federal Attorneys-General. (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 19 October 1985)

letters to the editor

The Deputy Chairperson of the Law Reform Commission of Victoria, Dr Jocelyn Scutt, has written to *Reform* about the Norman Lindsay cartoon on the cover of the last issue. The cartoon was reproduced from a 1902 issue of *The Bulletin*

Since its inception, I have been supportive of the ALRC publication *Reform*.

I would, however, be doing less than justice to the cause of women who are beaten, bashed and abused in the home if I did not place in writing to you my disappointment in the latest issue of *Reform* — in particular, the cover which makes a 'joke' of criminal assault at home.

The many women who are constantly abused at home, and the women and men who are truly concerned about this issue, would not find it amusing.

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 - : Discussion Paper on Contempt and Family Law, 1985. DP 24.
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