

by the second Senate Select Committee and who reported independently on the matters which were enquired into by that committee.

As one who always sought a non-political enquiry into the matters revealed by the Age tapes, those opinions represent the closest thing we are ever going to have to an impartial view. Some references to them might have suggested that you had some concern about objectivity.

editor's note. The tributes and articles in the January 1987 *Reform* to the late Mr Justice Murphy were not intended as a definitive biography. A great deal was omitted including the matter referred to by Senator Chaney. The tributes and articles were intended simply to note Justice Murphy's contribution as a reformist judge and Attorney-General.

sexist distinction. Hilary Charlesworth of the University of Melbourne, Law School, writes:

I note in the January 1987 *Reform's* personalia column that information about marital status and parenthood is given only in respect of the sole woman mentioned, Mary Gaudron. Is this information particularly relevant to Justice Gaudron's appointment to the High Court and not to the elevation of other High Court judges or to the other appointments noted in the column?

This sexist distinction is disappointing in a publication so concerned with the amelioration of discriminatory practices.

editor's note. It is interesting to note that the High Court itself has now indicated that, in future, its Justices may be referred to as 'Justice Toohey' or 'Justice Gaudron'. Previously, justices of the court had been known as 'Mr Justice'.

new reports

Australia

ALRC

: Annual Report, 1986, No 34

NSWLRC

: Discussion Paper on Procedure from Charge to Trial: Specific Problems and Proposals, 1987, DP 14.

: Community Law Reform Program Consultative paper on Liability of Highway Authorities for Non-Feasance, 1986.

QLRC

: Working Paper on a Bill to Amend the Property Law Act 1974-1985, 1987, WP 30.

VLCC

: Second Report on the Operation of Section 32 of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984, 1986.

: Fourth Report on Subordinate Legislation, 1986

: Fifth Report on Subordinate Legislation, 1986.

: Sixth Report on Subordinate Legislation, 1986.

: Seventh Report on Subordinate Legislation, 1986.

: Eighth Report on Subordinate Legislation, 1987.

: Report on a review of the operation of Section 32 of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984, 1986.

VLRC

- : Report on Criminal Responsibility: Intention and Gross Intoxication, 1986, No 6.

- Powers of attorney.
- Prejudgment interest.
- Highway authorities and misfeasance (jointly with NSWLRC).

WALRC

- : Discussion Paper on the Criminal Process and Persons Suffering from Mental Disorder, 1987, Project No 69.

Canada

Saskatchewan LRC

- : Yearly Review 1986, 1987.

Hong Kong

HKLRC

- : Report on the Control of Exemption Clauses, 1986, Topic 13.

New Zealand

NZCLRC

- : Report on Discovery in Criminal Cases, 1986.

NZPL & ERC

- : Final Report on Legislation relating to Landlord and Tenant, 1986.

United Kingdom

Scot Law Com

- : Twenty First Annual Report 1985–86, 1986, No 101.

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ALRC

- *Community Law Reform Program for the ACT*

NSWLRC

- *Community Law Reform Program*
 - Representations as to Credit: Requirement of Writing.
 - Jurisdiction of NSW Courts over Foreign Land.
 - The Rule in *Bain v Fothergill*.

VLRC

- *Criminal law.* The Attorney-General took up a suggestion made in VLRC's Report No 6, 'Criminal Responsibility: Intention and Gross Intoxication', and has made a reference to it on criminal liability for involuntary or intentional acts due to insanity and automatism.
- *Old laws.* As part of the Government's deregulation initiative, the Attorney General has asked the Commission to review all acts in force in Victoria and to make recommendations on the repeal of obsolete legislation. The first report on this reference is due 30th September, 1987.
- *Contract law.* The Commission has been asked to report on the distinction between liquidated damages and penalties in contract law. Contracts for the sale or lease of land and contracts for the sale, credit sale, hire purchase and the lease of goods are specifically noted in the reference. The Commission will be addressing in particular the desirability of reducing unnecessary regulation of business.