

FOREWORD

After a long hiatus, I am delighted to welcome readers to the latest edition of the Canberra Law Review, which has gone through a process of revitalisation since its relaunch as an electronic journal in December 2010. This winter edition of the Law Review contains a collection of academic articles covering an eclectic array of subject matter in contemporary Australian and international law, so hopefully there is something of interest here for all readers. Accordingly, the academic works in this edition include such topics as: corporate ownership and control in the financial markets; the evolution of Australian and US acquisitions law; Chinese trust law; and Commonwealth procurement under the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement.

As part of the above-mentioned revitalisation, the Law Review includes, for the first time, a Canberra Corner section. Through this new section, the editors hope to engender open discussion and debate on law reform in the ACT. In this Canberra Corner, former Chief Minister Jon Stanhope discusses recent developments in compulsory third party insurance in the ACT.

Publishing a law review presents any faculty with many practical challenges, not least of which is the fact that the majority of the workload is managed by students, many of whom have had little or no publishing experience. I would firstly like to thank the student editors – Thomas Brand, Manu Jaireth, Tessa Kelman, Skye Masters, Talah Sherif and Kim Soukieh – for their dedication, professionalism and perseverance. In

the absence of such editors, the Canberra Law Review would remain little more than a distant concept instead of the rigorous academic discourse that it is today.

Additionally, the preparatory work required to produce a peer-reviewed academic publication such as the Canberra Law Review involves attention to quality control, one integral aspect of which is the strict oversight and refereeing process that occurs before a decision can be made to publish an article. Accordingly, I would like to extend a special thank you to the academics who kindly gave their time to referee submissions.

Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank the efforts of Student Adviser John Passant, senior lecturer at the University of Canberra, for his guidance in bringing this latest edition of the Canberra Law Review to fruition.

So please read on and enjoy the 2011 winter edition of the Canberra Law Review.

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