

would take into account the position of trust relating to that office?

- Should a new offence be included in the future Act equivalent in part to the common law offence of non-feasance or neglect of duty, for example, wilful failure by an office holder to carry out a duty of his or her office knowing or having reason to believe that his or her failure may cause loss of life, personal injury or serious property damage?
- Should the future Act include a provision making it an offence for the holder of a public office to exercise a power or discretion vested in him or her for an improper or dishonest motive?
- Is there any other common law offence which should be included in the future Act?

Comments may be sent to the Secretary, Review of Commonwealth Criminal Law, PO Box 237, Civic Square, ACT, 2608.

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- *Products Liability*

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- *Co-ordination of Law Reform Activity in Australia.* This is a standing reference establishing a formal mechanism for improving co-ordination between the work of the VLRC and other Australian Law Reform Agencies. The reference will operate through the Attorney-General specifying particular reports of other agencies which may be applicable in Victoria. The Commission will examine and advise the Attorney on these reports. The reference also allows VLRC to enter into 'joint-ventures' with other agencies.

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what's going on in the lrc's

Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Admiralty.* Research Paper No 4, 'Criminal Admiralty Jurisdiction' nearing completion.

- *Class Actions.* Draft Report being prepared. Due at the end of 1987.
- *Community Law Reform.* Reports on Occupiers' Liability and a DP on Enduring Powers of Attorney are being finalized.
- *Debt Recovery.* Report tabled in federal Parliament on 21 October 1987.
- *Insolvency.* DP on General Insolvency was released in September. Public hearings will commence in November.
- *Matrimonial Property.* Report was tabled in Federal Parliament on 16 September 1987.
- *Sentencing.* DP's on Procedure and Prisons were released in September. A third DP is due in the coming month. Public hearings are being arranged for November.

New South Wales Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *Artificial Conception.*
 - *Surrogacy.* Draft DP under consideration by Division.
 - *In Vitro Fertilization.* DP released and submissions are now being received.
- *Registration and Certification of Births and Deaths.* Consultative paper near completion.
- *Evidence.* The Division has been reconstituted and work has commenced on the final report.
- *Sale of Goods.* Work on Issues Paper completed.
- *Criminal Procedure.*