

Pearl K McGonigal. The day-to-day operations of the Commission are administered by the Director of Legal Research, Jeffrey A Schnoor, and the Administrative Officer, Suzanne Pelletier. The research staff will be returned to its full complement.

### NSWLRC

Three part-time members of the Commission, Mr JLR Davis, the Honourable Mr Justice Andrew Rogers, and Mr Ronald Sackville, have been re-appointed until December 1988. Ms Rosemary Chandler has joined the Commission's staff on secondment from the Legislative Policy and Research Division of the Attorney-General's Department. Ms Chandler is working on the Commission's Assurance Fund reference. Mr Ian Collie, a legal research consultant, has left the Commission to pursue his studies at the College of Law. During his time at the Commission he assisted with the Artificial Conception reference, and with projects being undertaken within the Community Law Reform Program. Mr John McMillan, the Commission's Secretary, has left to take up an appointment as Secretary to the Royal Commission into the former Chelmsford Private Hospital and Mental Health Services in NSW. Ms Gail Morgan, a legal officer, has resigned to enter private practice. While Ms Morgan's principal involvement was with the Artificial Conception reference, she had recently undertaken research for the Alternative Dispute Resolution reference. Mr Kimber Swan, a legal officer working principally on the Contribution reference, has been promoted to senior legal officer.

### NTLRC

Mr Peter Conran has been appointed Secretary of the Department of Law and thereby becomes a member of the Committee. Mr Conran had been a member of the Committee from September 1985 to December 1986. Mr Trevor Riley, a barrister in private practice, has resigned from the Committee.

### WALRC

On 21 August 1988 Ms ME Rayner was

elected Chairman of the Commission for a period of one year.

### TASLRC

An article on The Honourable Mr Justice Cosgrove who has accepted a three year appointment to the position of Law Reform Commissioner in Tasmania, appeared in the July 1988 issue of *Reform* ([1988] *Reform* 162). The Commissioner has received four new references and will continue two outstanding references originally made to the Tasmanian Law Reform Commission. The new references are a standing reference on Criminal Law and Procedure, a standing reference on Civil Procedure, a reference on Shopping Centre Leases and a reference to investigate the application in Tasmania of the Australian Law Reform Commission Draft Evidence Bill. The outstanding references from the Tasmanian Law Reform Commission are Child Witnesses and the Defences of Insanity, Automatism and Intoxication under the Tasmanian Criminal Code. Justice Cosgrove's assistant is Ms Terese Henning. His associate is Mr Ron Sonners.

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## publications

### Australia

#### ALRC

- Report on Sentencing, 1988, No44 — tabled 25 August 1988.
- Discussion Paper on Product Liability, 1988, DP34.
- Product Liability Research Paper on Product Liability Laws and Policies, 1988, RP1.

#### NSWLRC

- Report on In Vitro Fertilization, 1988, LRC 58.
- Discussion Paper on Surrogate Motherhood, 1988, DP18.

**NTLRC**

- Report on De Facto Relationships, 1988, No13.
- Annual Report 1987/88, 1988.

**TasLRC**

- Report on Occupiers Liability, 1988, No53.
- Thirteenth Annual Report 1987, 1988.

**WALRC**

- Annual Report 1988, 1988.
- Discussion Paper on Medical Treatment for Minors, Project 77, 1988.

**VLRC**

- Discussion Paper on Mental Malfunctioning and Criminal Responsibility, 1988, DP14.
- Redrafted Credit Act 1987, Submission by the Hon Tom Roper, Minister of Consumer Affairs to the Standing Committee of Consumer Affairs Ministers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL**

- Report on Access to Administrative Review: Provision of Legal and Financial Assistance in Administrative Law Matters, 1988, No30.

**REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH CRIMINAL LAW**

- ✓ Discussion Paper on Human Rights in Relation to the Commonwealth Criminal Law, 1988, DP15.
- Discussion Paper on Offences Relating to the Administration of Justice, 1988, DP16.
- Discussion Paper on Part VII of the Crimes Act, 1988, DP17.
- Discussion Paper on Penalties, 1988, DP 18.

**Canada**

**CLRC**

- Report on Recodifying Criminal Law, 1988, No31.

- Report on Our Criminal Procedure, 1988, No32.
- Sixteenth Annual Report 1986-87, 1988.

**Alberta ILRR**

- Annual Report 1987-88, 1988.

**BCLRC**

- Report on Deeds and Seals, 1988, No96.
- Working Paper on the *Commercial Tenancy Act* 1988, WP61.

**Newfoundland LRC**

- Working Paper on the *Mechanics' Lien Act* : Certain Substantive Issues, 1988, WP3.

**Kenya**

**Kenya LRC**

- Fourth Annual Report 1985-86, 1988.

**New Zealand**

**Department of Justice**

- Report on the Legislative Advisory Committee, 1988.

**South Africa**

**SALRC**

- Report on Committal to Prison in Respect of Debt, 1986, Project 54.

**Tanzania**

**Tanzania LRC**

- Fourth Annual Report 1986-87, 1988.

**United Kingdom**

**Law Com**

- Facing the Future: A Discussion Paper on the Ground for Divorce, 1988, No170.
- Working Paper on Transfer of Land: Implied Covenants for Title, 1988, WP107.

**Scot Law Com**

- Report on Requirements of Writing, 1988, No112.

- Discussion Paper on the Evidence of Children and Other Potentially Vulnerable Witnesses, 1988, DP75.
- Discussion Paper on the Ground for Divorce: Should the Law be Changed? 1988, DP76.
- Research Paper on Evidence from Children: Alternatives to In-court Testimony in Criminal Proceedings in the United States of America, 1988.

## United States

### Michigan LRC

- Twenty-second Annual Report 1987, 1988.

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## what's going on in the LRC's

### Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Admiralty*. Work in hand (WIH) on report on the Criminal Admiralty Jurisdiction
- *Class Actions*. WIH on report. Due for tabling late in the Budget session of Parliament.
- *Community Law Reform*. Report on Enduring Powers of Attorney due for tabling in Budget session. WIH on Pre-judgment interest on Damages DP.
- *Guardianship and Management of Property*. WIH
- *Customs*. WIH on papers on the offshore applications of the Act, installations and cargo control. WIH on draft provisions on administration, offshore applications of the Act and passenger processing.
- *Insolvency*. WIH on report. Due for tabling late 1988.
- *Product Liability*. DP 34 was released on August 31, and RP1 was issued in early October. Public Hearings will be held in November.

- *Sentencing*. Report No44 was tabled on 25th August.

### Administrative Review Council (ARC)

- *Access to administrative review*. Report No30 (Access to Administrative Review: Provision of Legal and Financial Assistance in Administrative Law Matters) was tabled on 11 October.
- *Review of the AD(JR) Act: Redrafting the Act's Ambit*. More than 40 submissions on the discussion draft report have been received and are being evaluated. A seminar on the draft was held on October 5 1988.
- *Community services and health*. The Council's committee is giving consideration to the organisation of a series of public seminars to elicit comments on the more important issues that the Council might examine in this project.
- *Migration*. The Council Secretariat has been involved over the last few months with an Interdepartmental Committee that has been considering the Report by the Committee to advise on Australian Immigration Policies. The Cabinet is expected to formulate a government response to the report in the near future.
- *Companies*. Discussion with the A-G's Dept. concerning the review issues arising under the proposed new companies scheme followed transmission of the Council's advice on the matter. The amendments to the draft legislation introduced by the A-G in the House of Representatives included amendments relating to the review. The bills have passed through the House and are presently in the Senate.

### New South Wales Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *Criminal Procedure*
  - *Procedure before Trial*. WIH.
  - *Codification and Classification*. WIH.