

## From the Editor...

The release of this edition of *Reform* will coincide with yet another milestone in the life of the journal.

Stage one of the strategy to transform *Reform* was the new design and editorial focus of the journal, unveiled in the Autumn 1997 edition. The response from subscribers has been fantastic, with many current readers expressing their approval of the 'new look' *Reform*. Furthermore, many new subscribers have been attracted to the journal.

The Commission is now pleased to announce stage two - the appointment of an Editorial Advisory Committee. The Committee comprises members with considerable experience in law, academic pursuits and journalism. They will be responsible for guiding the overall direction of *Reform* and future editions will benefit from their ideas and expertise.

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This edition of the journal, *Value Judgments: the ethics of law*, highlights the interesting, sometimes controversial, issue of ethics in the legal community, in politics and government administration. It is a topic of relevance not just to the legal community, but to all those who use, or are affected by the actions of lawyers, law-makers and decision-makers.

We hope the articles in this edition of *Reform* will contribute in a meaningful way to the ongoing debate.

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