

From the Editor ...

This Autumn issue of *Reform* makes its way to subscribers a little early this year, with this edition published to coincide with the Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference (ALRAC), hosted by the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia.

It is the first time that the conference will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Commonwealth Law Reform Agencies.

Reform sees its role as providing a convenient forum for the discussion of issues of law reform, both in Australia and overseas. Thus the Australian Law Reform Commission is delighted to be able to contribute to the ALRAC meeting with this special issue of the journal.

The theme of the Perth conference is 'Globalisation and law reform: cooperation through technology', and this issue of *Reform* reflects that theme in its main articles.

We have sought contributions from people in a number of fields, asking them to consider what impact globalisation has on their areas of expertise.

We are privileged to have *Reform's* founding Editor, the Hon Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia, contribute to the journal once more. His article, examining the impact of globalisation on human rights, begins on page 6.

Other authors examine globalisation and the environment (page 33), electronic commerce (page 44), the changes wrought by globalisation on the legal profession (page 19) and, of course, the impact on law reform agencies (page 25).

We have attempted in this edition of *Reform* to expand the number of agencies represented in the 'Reform Roundup' section of our journal – we welcome first-time contributions from the Queensland Criminal Justice Commission, the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong and the Bangladesh Law Commission.

I would like to extend an invitation to all delegates at the Perth conference to contribute to this section for Issue 77, to be published in October 2000.

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- 2/ All articles submitted on paper should be typed in double-space on one side only of A4 paper.
- 3/ The name, address and phone number of the author must be attached to the article.
- 4/ Articles should be between 1000 and 3500 words in length. Shorter articles are welcome. Contributions to 'Reform Roundup' should be under 1000 words.
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Style

- 1/ All articles must be written in clear, accessible language.
- 2/ Contributors should seek to minimise the use of endnotes. Where possible, citations should be included in the body of the text.
- 4/ All legislation, international instruments, organisations and cases referred to should be clearly identifiable.
- 3/ Gender neutral language should be used.
- 4/ Avoid unnecessary punctuation. Abbreviations should not be followed by a full stop.