

From the Editor...

The theme adopted for *Reform* Issue 80, Customary Law, is extremely broad. While it is impossible for *Reform* to cover this issue in any comprehensive way, in commissioning the articles for publication in this edition the Australian Law Reform Commission has sought to look beyond the situation in Australia to see how other countries have approached the issue.

Articles from Bruce Ottley and Owen Jessep (beginning on page 22) examine the application of customary law in Papua New Guinea, while Jennifer Corrin Care (page 31) looks at the islands of the South Pacific.

Our colleagues from the South African Law Commission have provided a report on their recent inquiry into the integration of customary family law (page 42), while Sidney Haring has provided an overview of tribal justice systems in the US (page 37).

Barry Hooker's article on Syariah law in contemporary Indonesia and Malaysia begins on page 47. While not customary law, the article provides an interesting perspective on the contrast and conflict that arises when differing legal systems – in this case, Islamic religious law and Western law – intersect.

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