

Clearing house

Areas of law under review

Aborigines (see Customary law and Indigenous peoples)

Accidents

BCLI

- Report on post-accident remedial measures, 2004 (R 28)

Acquittals

MCCOC

- Model criminal code, chapter 2: issue estoppel, double jeopardy and prosecution appeals against acquittals, 2004 (R)

Administration of justice offences

VPLRC

- WIH on a report examining the offences of perjury, perverting the course of justice, falsifying evidence and threatening witnesses. A DP was released in August 2003 and a final report is due by June 2004.

Administrative law (see also Tribunals)

QLCARC

- Meeting with the Queensland Ombudsman (25 November 2003) and final report on implementation of recommendations made in the report of the strategic management review of the offices of the Queensland Ombudsman and the Information Commissioner, 2003 (R 43)

Adoption

VLRC

- Assisted reproductive technology & adoption: should the current eligibility criteria in Victoria be changed? 2003 (CP)

Agency

QCMC

- Regulatory risks: minimising misconduct

risks in agencies with regulatory functions, 2003 (Paper)

Assisted reproduction

VLRC

- Assisted reproductive technology & adoption: should the current eligibility criteria in Victoria be changed? 2003 (CP)

Associations

LRACNI

- Unincorporated associations, 2004 (R 14)

Biotechnology (see also Genetics)

ALRC

- Gene patenting and human health, 2004 (DP 68). Currently consulting with stakeholders and a final report is due in June 2004.

Building law

BCLI

- Report on the Builders' Lien Act and the pipeline problem, 2003 (R 27)

Charity

ILRC

- Consultation paper on the court poor box, 2004 (CP 31)

JLC

- The Jersey law of charities, 2004 (CP 7)

Child abuse

Law Com

- Children: their non-accidental death or serious injury (criminal trials), 2003 (Law Com 282)

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QCMC

- Protecting children: an inquiry into abuse of children in foster care, 2004 (R)

TLRI

- Physical punishment of children, 2003 (R 4)

Class actions

ILRC

- Multi-party litigation (class actions), 2003 (CP 25)

Classified and security sensitive information

ALRC

- Protecting classified and security sensitive information, 2004 (DP 67). WIH on a final report due 31 May 2004.

Commissions of Inquiry

TLRI

- Report on the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995, 2003 (R 3)

Community justice centres

NSWLRC

- Community Justice Centres, 2003 (IP 23). WIH on a final report due late 2004.

Company law

Law Com; Scot Law Com

- Partnership law, 2003 (Law Com 283; Scot Law Com 192)

Scot Law Com

- WIH on an inquiry examining the registration and priority of rights in security by companies. A report is due early 2004.

Compensation

Law Com

- Towards a compulsory purchase code (1) Compensation, 2003 (Law Com 286). WIH on the second report dealing with procedure. A report is due 2004.

Contempt

LRCWA

- Review of the law of contempt, 2003 (P 93)

Contracts

Law Com; Scot Law Com

- WIH on the preparation of new legislation on unfair terms in contracts. A final report is due in 2004.

Copyright

CLRC

- Crown copyright, 2004 (IP). WIH on a report, due towards the end of 2004.

Corporate Crime

CMAC

- Insider trading, 2003 (R)

NSWLRC

- Sentencing: corporate offenders, 2003 (R 102)

ILRC

- Corporate killing: consultation paper, 2003 (CP 26)

TLRI

- Corporate manslaughter—WIH on an IP to be released in 2004.

Corruption

QCMC

- Regulatory risks: minimising misconduct risks in agencies with regulatory functions, 2003 (Paper)

Courts

AG

- Federal civil justice system strategy paper, 2003 (CP)

ALRC

- Protecting classified and security sensitive information, 2004 (DP 67). WIH on a final report due 31 May 2004.

ALRI

- Rules of court project: consultation memorandum 12.8 pleadings, 2003 (CP)
- Rules of court project: consultation memorandum 12.9 joining claims and parties including counterclaims, representative action and third party claims, 2004 (CP)

ILRC

- Consultation paper on the court poor box, 2004 (CP 31)

LCC

- Transforming relationships through participatory justice, 2003 (R 54E)

QCMC

- The prosecution of Pauline Hanson and David Ettridge: a report on an inquiry into issues raised in a resolution of Parliament, 2004 (R)

NZLC

- Delivering justice for all: a vision for New Zealand courts and tribunals, 2004 (R 85)

Crime

NZMJ

- Attitudes to crime and punishment: a New Zealand study, 2003 (R)

QCMC

- Cyber traps: an overview of crime, misconduct and security risks in the cyber environment, 2004 (Paper)

Criminal codes

MCCOC

- Model criminal code, chapter 2: issue estoppel, double jeopardy and prosecution appeals against acquittals, 2004 (R)

Scot Law Com

- A draft criminal code for Scotland with commentary, 2003

Criminal investigation

NZLC

- Entry, search and seizure—WIH on a preliminary paper expected June 2004.

SCAG

- Cross-border investigative powers for law enforcement, 2003 (R)

VPLRC

- Forensic sampling and DNA databases in criminal investigations, 2004 (R 58)

Criminal law (see also Sentencing)

Law Com

- Partial defences to murder, 2003 (Law Com 173). WIH a final report is due shortly.

NSWLRC

- Questioning of complainants by unrepresented accused in sexual offence trials, 2003 (R 101)

QCMC

- Youth justice: criminal trajectories, 2003 (IP)

Scot Law Com

- WIH on a final report dealing with the creation of a new statutory insanity defence of 'not guilty by reason of mental disorder'. The report is due early 2004.

VLRC

- Defences to homicide, 2003 (Options Paper)

Customary law

LCC

- Aboriginal legal traditions—WIH on a project examining the role of Aboriginal legal traditions in Canadian law.

LRCWA

- The approach of Australian courts to Aboriginal customary law in the areas of criminal, civil and family law, 2003 (BP 1)
- Caught in the middle: Indigenous interpreters and customary law, 2004 (BP 2). WIH continues on this reference throughout 2004. A final report is due 2005.

Damages

BCLI

- Report on post-accident remedial measures, 2004 (R 28)
- Report on builders' liens after the Shimco case, 2004 (R 29)

QLRC

- Damages in an action for a wrongful death: The effect of entering into, or of the prospect of entering into, a financially supportive cohabitation relationship, and the effect of the likelihood of divorce or separation on the assessment of damages in a wrongful death claim, 2003 (R 57)

Scot Law Com

- WIH on a new inquiry examining the law on interest on debt and damages. A DP is due towards the end of 2004.
- WIH continues on a reference dealing with liability for psychiatric injury. A final report is due towards the end of 2004.

Data protection

SALRC

- Privacy and data protection, 2003 (P 124; IP 24)

De facto relationships (see Relationships)

Debts

BCLI

- Report on builders' liens after the Shimco case, 2004 (R 29)

ILRC

- Consultation paper on judgment mortgages, 2004 (CP 30)

Law Com

- Pre-judgment interest on debts and damages, 2004 (Law Com 287)

NSWLRC

- Darling, please sign this form: a report on the practice of third party guarantees in New South Wales, 2003 (RR 11). WIH on a final report due later in 2004.

SALRC

- Prescription periods, 2003 (P 125; IP 23)

Scot Law Com

- WIH on a new inquiry examining the law on interest on debt and damages. A DP is due towards the end of 2004.

Defamation

AG

- Outline of possible national defamation law, 2004 (DP)

Discrimination

VPSARC

- WIH on an inquiry into the provisions of all Victorian statutes that have the effect of discriminating or leading to discrimination against any person. A DP has been prepared.

Domestic violence

NBDJ

- Protection of victims of domestic violence: options for law reform in New Brunswick, 2004 (DP)

TLRI

- Forfeiture rule, 2003 (IP 5)

Drugs

QCMC

- Patterns of amphetamine use: initial findings from the amphetamines in Queensland research project, 2004 (R)

Elections

LCC

- Voting counts: electoral reform in Canada, 2004 (R)

Electronic transactions

MCCOC

- Model criminal code chapter 3: credit card skimming offences, 2004 (DP)

Evidence

ALRC

- Protecting classified and security sensitive information, 2004 (DP 67). WIH on a final report due mid 2004.

Cal LRC

- WIH on a review of discovery developments in other jurisdictions.
- WIH on a review to determine whether the California Evidence Code should be conformed to the Federal Rules of Evidence on points where they differ.

Sask LRC

- The Saskatchewan Evidence Act: a review, 2004 (RR)

Family

NZLC

- Status of parenthood—WIH on a preliminary paper due 2004.

VLRC

- Assisted reproductive technology & adoption: should the current eligibility criteria in Victoria be changed? 2003 (CP)

Forensic Science

VPLRC

- Forensic sampling and DNA databases in criminal investigations, 2004 (R 58)

Forfeiture

Law Com

- The forfeiture rule and the law of succession, 2003 (CP 172)

TLRI

- Forfeiture rule, 2003 (IP 5)

Fraud

QCMC

- An investigation of matters relating to the conduct of the Hon Ken Hayward MP, 2003 (R)

Freedom of information

QLCARC

- Review of the regime of fees and charges under Queensland's Freedom of Information Act published within the Annual Report 2002/2003, 2003 (R 40)

Genetics (see also Biotechnology)

ALRC

- Gene patenting and human health, 2004 (DP 68). Currently consulting with stakeholders and a final report is due in June 2004.

ILRC

- Consultation paper on the establishment of a DNA database, 2004 (CP 29)

Government

QCMC

- An investigation of matters relating to the conduct of the Hon Ken Hayward MP, 2003 (R)

Guarantees

NSWLRC

- Darling, please sign this form: a report on the practice of third party guarantees in New South Wales, 2003 (RR 11)

Homicide

ILRC

- Consultation paper on homicide: the plea of provocation, 2003 (CP 27)

Law Com

- Partial defences to murder, 2003 (Law Com 173). A final report is due shortly.

VLRC

- Defences to homicide, 2003 (Options Paper)

Human Rights

LCC

- Does age matter? Law and relationships between generations, 2004 (DP)

Indigenous peoples (see also Customary law)

QLCARC

- Hands on Parliament: a parliamentary committee inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' participation in Queensland's democratic processes, 2003 (R 42)

In vitro fertilisation (see Assisted reproduction)

Insurance

ALRI

- Limitations Act: standardizing limitation periods for actions on insurance contracts: final report, 2003 (R 90)

Man LRC

- WIH on a joint project with the Alberta Law Reform Institute and the Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission on title insurance.

NZLC

- Life insurance: a discussion paper, 2003 (PP 53)

Intellectual property (see also Patents)

LCC

- WIH on a report reforming the area of security interests in intellectual property.

International law

HKLRC

- Rules for determining domicile, 2004 (CP)

SALRC

- Trafficking in persons, 2003 (P 102; IP 25)

Judicial review

ILRC

- Judicial review procedure, 2004 (R 71)

Juries

NSWLRC

- Blind or deaf jurors, 2004 (DP 46). WIH on a final report due late 2004.

Jurisdiction

Cal LRC

- WIH on a review of the jurisdictional limits for use of small claims and limited civil case procedures in the unified courts.

Justice system

AG

- Federal civil justice system strategy paper, 2003 (CP)

Landlord and tenant

ILRC

- General law of landlord and tenant, 2003 (CP 28)

Law Com

- Renting homes, 2003 (Law Com 284)
- Termination of tenancies for tenant default, 2003 (CP 174)

Liability

BCLI

- Report on post-accident remedial measures, 2004 (R 28)

TLRI

- WIH on an inquiry considering the need for legislative and/or procedural change to address the criminal liability of drivers who fall asleep causing motor vehicle accidents resulting in death or other injuries. An IP is to be released in 2004.

Litigation

ILRC

- Multi-party litigation (class actions), 2003 (CP 25)

Marriage (see Relationships)

Mediation

LCC

- Transforming relationships through participatory justice, 2003 (R)

Medicine

Man LRC

- Withholding or withdrawing life sustaining medical treatment, 2003 (R 109). WIH on an inquiry examining substitute consent to medical treatment.

Mental health

SALRC

- Assisted decision-making: adults with impaired decision-making capacity, 2003 (P 102; DP 105)

TLRI

- Forfeiture rule, 2003 (IP 5)

Negligence

ILRC

- Corporate killing: consultation paper, 2003 (CP 26)

Ombudsmen

QLCARC

- Meeting with the Queensland Ombudsman (25 November 2003) and final report on implementation of recommendations made in the report of the strategic management review of the offices of the Queensland Ombudsman and the Information Commissioner, 2003 (R 43)

Parliament

QLCARC

- Hands on Parliament: a parliamentary committee inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' participation in

Queensland's democratic processes, 2003 (R 42)

Partnership

Law Com; Scot Law Com

- Partnership law, 2003 (Law Com 283; Scot Law Com 192)

Patents

ALRC

- Gene patenting and human health, 2004 (DP 68). Currently consulting with stakeholders and a final report is due in June 2004.

Personal property security

Cal LRC

- WIH on a comprehensive review of mechanics' lien law.

Persons with disabilities

NSWLRC

- Blind or deaf jurors, 2004 (DP 46). WIH on a final report due late 2004.

SALRC

- Assisted decision-making: adults with impaired decision-making capacity, 2003 (P 102; DP 105)

VLRC

- People with intellectual disabilities at risk: a legal framework for compulsory care: report, 2003 (R)

Police

NZLC

- Entry, search and seizure—WIH on a preliminary paper expected June 2004.

QCMC

- Police pursuit: a law enforcement and public safety issue for Queensland, 2003 (R)

SCAG

- Cross-border investigative powers for law enforcement, 2003 (R)

Powers of attorney

Man LRC

- WIH on a joint project with the British Columbia Law Institute, the Alberta Law Reform Institute and the Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission.

Privacy

Cal LRC

- WIH on an inquiry examining financial privacy. A report is due early 2005.

SALRC

- Privacy and data protection, 2003

Property

Cal LRC

- WIH on a review of statutes affecting common interest housing developments with the goal of developing a unified policy regarding the formation of real property interests.

HKLRC

- Rules for determining domicile, 2004 (CP)

Scot Law Com

- Discussion paper on land registration: void and voidable titles, 2003 (Scot Law Com 125)

TLRI

- WIH on an inquiry that considers the need for the enactment of legislation requiring vendor disclosure of certain matters prior to the sale of property in Tasmania. An IP is due in 2004.

Punishment

NZMJ

- Attitudes to crime and punishment: a New Zealand study, 2003 (R)

Regulation

QCMC

- Regulatory risks: minimising misconduct risks in agencies with regulatory functions, 2003 (Paper)

Relationships (see also Family)

LRACNI

- Nullity of marriage, 2003 (DP 10)

QLRC

- Damages in an action for a wrongful death: the effect of entering into, or of the prospect of entering into, a financially supportive cohabitation relationship, and the effect of the likelihood of divorce or separation on the assessment of damages in a wrongful death claim, 2003 (R 57)

SALRC

- Domestic partnerships volume 1, 2003 (P 118; DP 102)

- Domestic partnerships volume 2, 2003 (P 118; DP 104)

Same sex relationships (see Relationships)

Security

Law Com

- WIH on a report examining the registration of security interests. Draft regulations are due to be published late 2004 and a final report is due early 2005.

Sentencing

NSWLRC

- Sentencing: corporate offenders, 2003 (R 102)

Sexual offences (see Criminal law)

Share markets

CMAC

- Insider trading, 2003 (R)

Stalking

SALRC

- Stalking, 2003 (P 130; IP 22)

Technology

ALRC

- Gene patenting and human health, 2004 (DP 68). Currently consulting with stakeholders and a final report is due in June 2004.

QCMC

- Cyber traps: an overview of crime, misconduct and security risks in the cyber environment, 2004 (Paper)

Tribunals (see also Administrative law)

LCC

- Transforming relationships through participatory justice, 2003 (R 54E)

NZLC

- Delivering justice for all: a vision for New Zealand courts and tribunals, 2004 (R 85)

Sask LRC

- Consultation paper: a model code of procedure for administrative tribunals, 2003

Trusts and trustees

BCLI

- Report on the variation and termination of trusts, 2003 (R 25)

Law Com; Scot Law Com

- Discussion paper on apportionment of trust receipts and outgoings, 2003 (DP 124)
- Discussion paper on breach of trust, 2003 (DP 123)
- WIH on a report dealing with the assumption, resignation and removal of trustees, their powers to administer the trust estate and the role of courts will be published early 2004.

Uniform laws

AG

- Outline of possible national defamation law, 2004 (DP)

Cal LRC

- WIH on analysis of whether the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act should be adopted in California.

MCCOC

- Model criminal code chapter 3: credit card skimming offences, 2004 (DP)

Wills and Succession

HKLRC

- Rules for determining domicile, 2004 (CP)

Law Com

- The forfeiture rule and the law of succession, 2003 (CP 172)

Nova Scotia LRC

- Reform of the Nova Scotia Wills Act, 2003 (R)

Sask LRC

- WIH on a CP examining the revocation of wills on divorce and remarriage.

TLRI

- Forfeiture rule, 2003 (IP 5)

Young offenders

QCMC

- Youth justice: criminal trajectories, 2003 (IP)

Abbreviations and acronyms

AG	Attorney-General's Department (Australia)
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
ALRI	Alberta Law Reform Institute
BCLI	British Columbia Law Institute
BP	Background paper
Cal LRC	Californian Law Revision Commission
CLRC	Copyright Law Review Committee
CMAC	Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee (Australia)
CP	Consultation paper
DP	Discussion paper
HKLRC	Hong Kong Law Reform Commission
ILRC	Ireland Law Reform Commission
IP	Issues paper
JLC	Jersey Law Commission
Law Com	Law Commission for England and Wales
LCC	Law Commission of Canada
LRACNI	Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland
LRCWA	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
Man LRC	Manitoba Law Reform Commission
MCCOC	Model Criminal Code Officers' Committee (Australia)
NBDJ	New Brunswick Department of Justice
Nova Scotia LRC	Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia
NSWLRC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission
NZLC	New Zealand Law Commission
NZMJ	New Zealand Ministry of Justice
P	Project
PP	Preliminary paper
QCMC	Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission
QLCARC	Queensland Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
QLRC	Queensland Law Reform Commission
R	Report
RR	Research report
SALRC	South African Law Reform Commission
Sask LRC	Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission
SCAG	Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (Australia)
Scot Law Com	Scottish Law Commission
TLRI	Tasmania Law Reform Institute
VLRC	Victorian Law Reform Commission
VPLRC	Victoria Parliament Law Reform Committee
VPSARC	Victoria Parliament Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
WIH	Work in hand