

# Clearing House

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## *Administrative Law*

### **AJTC**

Options for the Future Administration and Supervision of Tribunals in Scotland: A Report by the Administrative Justice Group, October 2008 (R).

### **ALRC**

Review of secrecy laws—WIH on IP.

### **ALRI**

Draft Model Code of Procedures for Administrative Tribunals, October 2008 (CP).

### **ARC**

The Coercive Information-gathering Powers of Government Agencies, June 2008 (R 48).  
Administrative Accountability in Business Areas Subject to Complex Regulation, June 2008 (WDR).

### **HoRLCA**

Inquiry into whistleblowing protections within the Australian Government public sector—WIH on inquiry.

### **NCCUSL**

Revised Model State Administrative Procedure Act—new draft November 2008.  
Administrative procedures for interstate compact entities—WIH by study committee.

### **NSWLRC**

Privacy Legislation in New South Wales, June 2008 (CP 3).

### **NZLC**

Review of Prerogative Writs, August 2008 (IP 9).

### **WALC**

Jurisdiction and operation of the State Administrative Tribunal—WIH on new inquiry.

## *Agriculture*

### **ACIP**

Enforcement of plant breeder's rights—final report expected late 2008.

## *Animals*

### **VLRC**

Legal status of assistance animals—report expected early 2009.

## *Assault*

### **AGD**

Drink and Food Spiking, July 2008 (R).

## *Assisted Reproduction*

### **NSWLCLJ**

Inquiry into legislation on altruistic surrogacy in New South Wales—report expected 2008.

### **VPSARC**

Assisted reproductive treatment legislation—WIH on inquiry.

## *Associations*

### **BCLI**

Proposals for a new Society Act, August 2008 (R).

### **HLRC**

Charities—WIH on inquiry.

### **NCCUSL**

Uniform Unincorporated Non-Profit Association Act, July 2008.

### **Scot Law Com**

Unincorporated associations—WIH on DP.

## *Bankruptcy & Insolvency*

### **CAMAC**

Issues in external administration—WIH on inquiry.  
Long-tail Liabilities: The Treatment of Unascertained Future Personal Injury Claims, May 2008 (R). Shareholder claims against insolvent companies—WIH on inquiry.

### **HMT(UK)**

Proposals to amend Part 7 of the Companies Act 1989, July 2008 (CP).

## *Children and Young People*

### **ALRC**

For Your Information: Review of Australian Privacy Law and Practice, May 2008 [released August 2008] (R 108).

### **DoFP(NI)**

Contact with children—WIH on inquiry.

### **HLRC**

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on inquiry.

### **NCCUSL**

Hague Convention on the Protection of Children—WIH by study committee.  
Relocation of Children Act—new draft October 2008.



**NSWLRC**

Minors' consent to medical treatment—WIH on inquiry.

**NSWLCLJ**

Inquiry into legislation on altruistic surrogacy in New South Wales—report expected 2008.

**TLRI**

Male circumcision—WIH on IP.

**VSAC**

Sexual offences against children—WIH on inquiry.

*Civil Partnerships***DoFP(NI)**

Cohabitation—WIH on inquiry.

*Commercial Law***Man LRC**

Franchise law—report expected December 2008.

**NCCUSL**

Record Owners of Business Act—new draft July 2008.

*Commissions of Inquiry***NZLC**

A New Inquiries Act, May 2008 (R 102).

*Compensation***ALRI**

Workers' compensation—WIH on inquiry.

**Law Com**

Administrative Redress: Public Bodies and the Citizen, July 2008 (CP 187).

**LRCWA**

Compensation for Injurious Affection, July 2008 (R).

**NZLC**

Compensating Crime Victims, October 2008 (IP 11).

*Computers***AGD**

E-Security Review, July 2008 (DP).

*Constitutional Law***HoRLCA**

Inquiry into Constitutional Reform, June 2008 (R).

**LRC Maur**

The Criminal Justice System and the Constitutional Rights of an Accused Person, September 2008 (CP).

**NZLC**

Review of Prerogative Writs, August 2008 (IP 9).  
Review of the Civil List Act 1979, July 2008 (IP 8).

*Consumer Protection***Law Com; Scot Law Com**

Consumer Remedies for Faulty Goods, November 2008 (CP 188).

**Treasury**

Unit Pricing, September 2008 (IP).

*Contracts***AGD**

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts 2005, November 2008 (CP).

**BCLI**

Defective contracts relief—WIH on final report.

**Man LRC**

Waiver and personal liability—report expected early 2009.

*Corporations Law***CAMAC**

Issues in external administration—WIH on inquiry. Long-tail Liabilities: The Treatment of Unascertained Future Personal Injury Claims, May 2008 (R). Members' Schemes of Arrangement, June 2008 (DP). Shareholder claims against insolvent companies—WIH on inquiry.

**HMT(UK)**

Statutory Regime for Issuer Liability, July 2008 (CP). Proposals to amend Part 7 of the Companies Act 1989, July 2008 (CP).

**NCCUSL**

Business Organisations Act—new draft October 2008.

**PJCCFS**

Shareholder Engagement and Participation, June 2008 (R).

**VPSARC**

Repeal of Corporations Law—WIH on inquiry.

*Corrections***MoJ(UK)**

Titan Prisons, June 2008 (CP).

**LJFNSW**

Taking Justice into Custody: The Legal Needs of Prisoners, July 2008 (R).

*Court Rules and Procedures*

(see also Evidence; Juries)

**ALRI**

Rules of Court Project, October 2008 (R 95). Draft Rules of Court, October 2008. Enforcement of Judgments, September 2008 (R 94). Criminal appeals—CP expected early 2009.

**HKLRC**

Class actions—WIH on inquiry.



**HMCS(UK)**

Crown Court Means Testing, November 2008 (CP).

**ILRC**

Limitation of actions—WIH on inquiry.

**Law Com**

The High Court's jurisdiction in relation to criminal proceedings—WIH on report.

**LRCWA**

Court Intervention Programs, July 2008 (CP).  
Review of coronial practice—WIH on new inquiry.

**Man LRC**

Limitation of actions—report expected early 2009.

**NCCUSL**

Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, July 2008.

**NTLRC**

Oaths Act and affirmations—WIH on inquiry into implementation of NTLRC proposals.

**NZLC**

Criminal procedure simplification—WIH on inquiry.

**SALRC**

Prescription periods—WIH on DP.  
Review of administration orders—WIH on inquiry. Use of electronic equipment in court proceedings—WIH on inquiry.

**Scot Law Com**

Crown Appeals, July 2008 (R 212).  
Damages for Wrongful Death, September 2008 (R 213). Judicial factors—WIH on inquiry.

**TLRI**

Contempt of court—WIH on IP.

**VLRC**

Jury Directions, September 2008 (CP).

*Courts***HMCS(UK)**

Crown Court Means Testing, November 2008 (CP).

**ILRC**

Consolidation and reform of the Courts Act—WIH on inquiry.

**Law Com**

The High Court's jurisdiction in relation to criminal proceedings—WIH on report.

**LRCWA**

Court Intervention Programs, June 2008 (CP).

**NCCUSL**

Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements—WIH by study committee.

**VPLRC**

Vexatious Litigants—Judicial Officers and VCAT Members, October 2008 (R).  
Vexatious Litigants—Court and VCAT Staff, October 2008 (R).

*Criminal Investigation***ARC**

The Coercive Information-gathering Powers of Government Agencies, June 2008 (R 48).

**LRC Maur**

Forensic Use of DNA—WIH on IP.  
Law and Practice Relating to Criminal Investigation, Arrest and Bail—WIH on inquiry.

**Moj (UK)**

Rules for Mandatory Polygraph Tests for Sex Offenders, September 2008 (CP).

**NCCUSL**

Electronic recording of custodial interrogations—WIH by study committee.

**NSW Omb**

Review of the Police Powers (Drug Detection Trial) Act 2003, August 2008 (R).

**NZMJ**

Regulating Private Investigators: Review of Private Investigators and Security Guards Act 1974, September 2008 (DP).

*Criminal Law*

(see also Sentencing; Sexual Offences)

**AGD**

Drink and Food Spiking, July 2008 (R).  
Model Spent Convictions Bill, November 2008 (CP).

**AGD(NSW)**

An Intensive Corrections Order for NSW, October 2008 (CP).

**AHRC**

Preventing Crime and Promoting Rights for Indigenous Young People with Cognitive Disabilities and Mental Health Issues, August 2008 (R).

**ALRC**

Review of secrecy laws—WIH on IP.

**ALRI**

Criminal appeals—CP expected early 2009.

**HKLRC**

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on inquiry. Double jeopardy—WIH on inquiry. Interim Proposals on a Sex Offender Register, July 2008 (CP).

**ILRC**

Inchoate offences—WIH on inquiry.  
Defences in criminal law—WIH on report.

**Law Com**

Conspiracy and attempts—WIH on inquiry.  
Corporate criminal liability—WIH on inquiry.  
Expert evidence in criminal trials—WIH on inquiry. Intoxication and criminal liability—WIH on inquiry. Reforming bribery—WIH on inquiry. Unfitness to plead—WIH on inquiry.



**LRC Maur**

The Criminal Justice System and the Constitutional Rights of an Accused Person, September 2008 (CP). Disclosure in Criminal Proceedings—WIH on report.

**MCLOC**

Non-consensual Genetic Testing, November 2008 (DP).

**Moj(UK)**

Bail and Murder, June 2008 (CP). Murder, Manslaughter and Infanticide, July 2008 (CP).

**NSWLRC**

Complicity—WIH on report. Jury directions in criminal trials—WIH on inquiry. Penalty notice offences—WIH on new inquiry. People with cognitive and mental health impairments in the criminal justice system—WIH on inquiry.

**NSWSC**

Penalties Relating to Sexual Assault Offences in New South Wales, August 2008 (R). Reduction in penalties at sentencing—WIH on inquiry. Sentencing of alcohol-related violent crime—WIH on inquiry.

**NZLC**

Disclosure to Court of Defendants' Previous Convictions, Similar Offending, and Bad Character, June 2008 (R 103). Compensating Crime Victims, October 2008 (IP 11). Criminal defences, insanity and infanticide—WIH on inquiry. Review of Part 8 of the Crimes Act 1961—WIH on inquiry. Criminal procedure simplification—WIH on inquiry. Public safety and security—WIH on inquiry.

**NZMJ**

Consultation draft Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Bill—WIH on new inquiry.

**QLRC**

Review of the Excuse of Accident and the Defences of Provocation, September 2008 (R 64).

**SALRC**

Stalking, November 2008 (R). Trafficking in Persons, November 2008 (R).

**Scot Law Com**

Crown Appeals, July 2008 (R 212). Double jeopardy—WIH on report.

**TLRI**

Contempt of court—WIH on IP. Criminal liability of drivers who fall asleep causing motor vehicle crashes resulting in death or serious injury—WIH on inquiry.

*Criminology***AHRC**

Preventing Crime and Promoting Rights for Indigenous Young People with Cognitive Disabilities and Mental Health Issues, August 2008 (R).

**Moj(UK)**

Reducing Reoffending in London, October 2008 (CP).

**NZLC**

Compensating Crime Victims, October 2008 (IP 11).

*De Facto Relationships***DoFP (NI)**

Cohabitation—WIH on inquiry.

**Senate LCC**

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008, September 2008 (R). Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008, August 2008 (R). Same Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008, October 2008 (R). Same Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, October 2008 (R).

*Death***HKLRC**

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on inquiry.

**ILC**

Humanization and Decriminalization of Attempt to Suicide, October 2008 (R). Proposal for Enactment of a New Coroners Act, June 2008 (R).

**JCS(ACT)**

Review of the Coroners Act 1997, September 2008 (DP).

**LRCWA**

Review of coronial practice—WIH on new inquiry.

**Scot Law Com**

Damages for Wrongful Death, September 2008 (R 213).

**Senate LCC**

Inquiry into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008, June 2008 (R).

*Debt***ALRC**

For Your Information: Review of Australian Privacy Law and Practice, May 2008 [released August 2008] (R 108).

**BCLI**

Predatory lending issues in Canada—WIH on inquiry.

*Designs, Patents and Trade Marks***ACIP**

Post-grant patent enforcement strategies—DP expected late-2008. Patentable Subject Matter, July 2008 (IP).

## *Discrimination*

### **Senate LCC**

The effectiveness of the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act 1984 in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality—WIH on inquiry.

### **VLRC**

Legal status of assistance animals—WIH on inquiry.

## *Dispute Resolution*

### **AJTC**

Options for the Future Administration and Supervision of Tribunals in Scotland: A Report by the Administrative Justice Group, October 2008 (R).

### **ILRC**

Alternative Dispute Resolution, July 2008 (CP 50).

### **NCCUSL**

Interstate Family Support Act—new draft July 2008.

### **SALRC**

Arbitration: family mediation—WIH on inquiry.

### **VPLRC**

Alternative dispute resolution—WIH on inquiry.

## *Domestic Violence*

### **FLC**

Family violence—WIH on report.

### **HKLRC**

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on inquiry.

## *Drugs*

### **NCCUSL**

Model Drug Dependence Treatment and Rehabilitation Act—WIH by study committee.

### **NSWSC**

Sentencing of alcohol-related violent crime—WIH on inquiry.

### **NZLC**

Review of Regulatory Framework for the Sale and Supply of Liquor—WIH on new inquiry.  
Review of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975—WIH on new inquiry.

## *Education*

### **NZLC**

Review of the law relating to private schools—WIH on inquiry.

## *Elder Law*

### **BCLI**

Assisted Living in Canada: Past, Present and Future Issues, October 2008 (DP).

## *Electoral System*

### **Moj(UK)**

Old Enough to Make a Mark? Should the Voting Age Be Lowered to 16?, October 2008 (CP).

### **QLCARC**

Electoral reform in Queensland—WIH on inquiry.

## *Electronic Commerce*

### **AGD**

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts 2005, November 2008 (CP).

## *Employment*

### **NCCUSL**

Misuse of Genetic Information in Employment and Insurance Act—new draft July 2008.

### **NSWLRC**

Workplace deaths—WIH on report.

### **SALRC**

Protected Disclosures, November 2008 (R).

## *Environment*

### **IREPBC**

Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, October 2008 (DP).

### **Sask LRC**

Light pollution abatement legislation—WIH on inquiry.  
Solar access legislation—WIH on inquiry.

## *Evidence*

### **HO(UK)**

PACE review: government proposals in response to the review of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, August 2008 (CP).

### **ILRC**

Documentary evidence and technology—WIH on new inquiry.  
Hearsay in civil and criminal cases—WIH on new inquiry.  
Law of expert evidence in criminal and civil matters—WIH on inquiry.

### **Law Com**

Expert evidence in criminal trials—WIH on inquiry.

### **LRC Maur**

Reform of law relating to admissibility of confessions—WIH on report.

### **NZLC**

Monitoring of the Evidence Act—WIH on inquiry.  
Disclosure to Court of Defendants' Previous Convictions, Similar Offending, and Bad Character, June 2008 (R 103).



**SALRC**

Review of the Law of Evidence—WIH on inquiry.

**Senate LCC**

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008, September 2008 (R).

**TLRI**

Tendency and coincidence evidence in sexual assault cases—WIH on IP.

*Family Law***DoFP(NI)**

Cohabitation—WIH on inquiry.  
Contact with children—WIH on inquiry.

**FLC**

Family violence—WIH on report.

**ILC**

Laws of Civil Marriages in India, October 2008 (R). Laws on Registration of Marriage and Divorce, October 2008 (R).

**Law Com**

Marital property agreements—inquiry due to commence in 2009.

**LRC Maur**

Divorce by Mutual Consent—WIH on report.

**Man LRC**

Divorced spouses survivors' pension benefits—WIH on inquiry.

**NCCUSL**

Interstate Family Support Act—new draft July 2008. Collaborative Law Act—interim draft June 2008. Hague Convention on the Protection of Children—WIH by study committee. Relocation of Children Act—new draft October 2008.

**SALRC**

Arbitration: family mediation—WIH on inquiry.  
Custody (care) and access (contact) to minor children—WIH on DP.  
Divorce—WIH on inquiry.  
Matrimonial property law—WIH on inquiry.

**Senate LCC**

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008, September 2008 (R). Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008, August 2008 (R).  
Same Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008, October 2008 (R).  
Same Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, October 2008 (R).

*Federalism***PC**

Review of Mutual Recognition Schemes, November 2008 (DR).

*Financial Services***BCLI**

Predatory Lending Issues in Canada—WIH on inquiry.

**HMT(UK)**

Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Act 2007, September 2008 (CP). Financial Stability and Depositor Protection, July 2008 (CP). Implementation of the Acquisitions Directive, September 2008 (CP). Lloyd's Accounting Regulations: Implementation of the Audit Directive (2006/43/EC) and the Reporting Directive (2006/46/EC), October 2008 (CP).  
Proposals for a Legislative Reform Order to Amend Lloyd's Act 1982, March 2008 (CP).  
Special Resolution Regime: Safeguards for Partial Property Transfers, November 2008 (CP).

**NCCUSL**

Bank deposits—WIH by study committee.  
Implementation of the UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-alone Letters of Credit—new draft April 2008.  
Payment systems—WIH by study committee.

*Freedom of Information***ALRC**

Review of secrecy laws—WIH on IP.

*Genetics***LRC Maur**

Forensic Use of DNA—WIH on IP.

**MCLOC**

Non-consensual Genetic Testing, November 2008 (DP).

**NCCUSL**

Misuse of Genetic Information in Employment and Insurance Act—new draft July 2008.

*Government***ARC**

The Coercive Information-gathering Powers of Government Agencies, June 2008 (R 48).

**Law Com**

Administrative Redress: Public Bodies and the Citizen, July 2008 (CP 187).

**LRC Maur**

Access to Justice and Limitation of Actions against Public Officers and the State, May 2008 (R). Review and Reform of Local Government legislation—WIH on report.

**NCCUSL**

Administrative procedures for interstate compact entities—WIH by study committee.

**NZLC**

A New Inquiries Act, May 2008 (R 102).  
Review of the Civil List Act 1979, July 2008 (IP 8). Review of Prerogative Writs, August 2008 (IP 9).

**Senate LCC**

Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No 2], October 2008 (R).



## *Guardianship*

**WCLRA** (ALRI; BCLI; Man LRC; Sask LRC)  
Enduring Powers of Attorney: Areas for Reform,  
June 2008 (joint report).

**Law Com**  
Adult Social Care—WIH on inquiry.

**QLRC**  
Guardianship laws: general principles—report  
expected late 2008.

**SALRC**  
Adults with impaired decision-making  
capacity—WIH on inquiry.

## *Health Care*

**ALRC**  
For Your Information: Review of Australian  
Privacy Law and Practice, May 2008 [released  
August 2008] (R 108).

**ILRC**  
Bioethics: Advance Care Directives, October  
2008 (CP 51).

**MoJ(UK)**  
Pleural Plaques, July 2008 (CP).

**NCCUSL**  
Health care information interoperability—WIH  
by study committee.

**NSWLRC**  
Emergency medical care and the restricted right  
to practise—WIH on new inquiry.

**Sask LRC**  
Vaccination and the law—WIH on inquiry.

## *Housing*

**Law Com**  
Housing: Encouraging Responsible Letting  
(R 312).

## *Human Rights*

**AHRC**  
Freedom of Religion and Belief in the 21st  
Century, August 2008 (DP).

**LRC Maur**  
Securing Human Rights—WIH on CP.

**SALRC**  
Trafficking in Persons, November 2008 (R).

## *Immigration*

**HO(UK)**  
The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in  
Reforming the Immigration System, February  
2008 (R).

**MoJ(UK)**  
Section 57 of the Criminal Justice and  
Immigration Act—Draft Regulations,  
August 2008 (CP).

## **Senate LCC**

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker  
Protection) Bill 2008, November 2008 (R).

## *Indigenous People*

**AHRC**  
Preventing Crime and Promoting Rights for Indig-  
enous Young People with Cognitive Disabilities  
and Mental Health Issues, August 2008 (R).  
A National Indigenous Representative Body, July  
2008 (IP).

**NZLC**  
Maori legal entities—WIH on inquiry.

**Senate LCC**  
Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008,  
June 2008 (R).

## *Insurance*

**Law Com; Scot Law Com**  
Insurance Contract Law: Insurable Interest—  
WIH on inquiry.

**NCCUSL**  
Misuse of Genetic Information in Employment  
and Insurance Act—new draft July 2008.

## *Intellectual Property*

**ACIP**  
Enforcement of plant breeder's rights—final  
report expected late 2008. Post-grant patent  
enforcement strategies—DP expected late-2008.  
Patentable Subject Matter, July 2008 (IP).

**PC**  
Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation  
of Books, November 2008 (IP).

## *International Law*

**AGD**  
United Nations Convention on the Use of Elec-  
tronic Communications in International Contracts  
2005, November 2008 (CP).

**LRC Maur**  
Implementation of Hague Conventions on Private  
International Law—WIH on CP.

**Man LRC**  
Private International Law—WIH on inquiry.

**PC**  
Review of Mutual Recognition Schemes,  
November 2008 (DR).

## *Juries*

**HKLRC**  
Criteria for service as jurors—WIH on inquiry.

**ILRC**  
Consolidation and reform of the Courts Act—WIH  
on inquiry.

**LRCWA**  
Selection, eligibility and exemption of jurors—  
WIH on inquiry.





**NSWLRC**  
Jury directions in criminal trials—WIH on inquiry.

**QLRC**  
Jury directions—WIH on inquiry.  
Selection of juries—WIH on inquiry.

**VLRC**  
Jury Directions, September 2008 (CP).

### *Justice of the Peace*

**NCCUSL**  
Revision of the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts—  
new draft October 2008.

### *Landlord & Tenant*

**BCLI**  
Proposals for a new Commercial Tenancy Act,  
September 2008 (CP 17).

**Law Com**  
Housing: Encouraging Responsible Letting  
(R 312).

### *Law Enforcement*

**ARC**  
The Coercive Information-gathering Powers of  
Government Agencies, June 2008 (R 48).

**NCCUSL**  
Electronic recording of custodial interrogations—  
WIH by study committee.

**TLRI**  
Consolidating powers of arrest—WIH on report.

**VPSARC**  
Inquiry into Police Regulation Amendment Bill  
2008—WIH on inquiry.

### *Legal Fees*

**MoJ(UK)**  
Civil Procedure Rules: Costs Capping Orders,  
September 2008 (CP).  
Reforming the Legal Aid Family Barrister Fee  
Scheme, June 2008 (CP).

### *Legal Services*

**NCCUSL**  
Hague Convention on Choice of Court  
Agreements—WIH by study committee.

### *Legislation*

**ILRC**  
Statute Law Restatement, July 2008 (R 91).  
The Legislation Directory: Towards a Best Practice  
Model, July 2008 (CP 49).

**NCCUSL**  
Authentication of online state legal materials—  
WIH by new study committee.

**NZLC**  
Presentation of New Zealand statute law—WIH  
on inquiry.

Review of Parliamentary Counsel Legislation—  
WIH on inquiry.

### *Medical Law*

**ALRC**  
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Privacy Law and Practice, May 2008 [released  
August 2008] (R 108).

**ILRC**  
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2008 (CP 51).

**NSWLRC**  
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2008 (IP).

**Sask LRC**  
Vaccination and the law—WIH on inquiry.

**TLRI**  
Male circumcision—WIH on IP.

### *Mental Health*

**AHRC**  
Preventing Crime and Promoting Rights for  
Indigenous Young People with Cognitive  
Disabilities and Mental Health Issues, August  
2008 (R).

**Law Com**  
Adult social care—WIH on inquiry.  
Unfitness to plead—WIH on inquiry.

**MoJ(UK)**  
Reviewing the Mental Capacity Act 2005:  
Forms, Supervision and Fees, October 2008  
(CP).

**NSWLRC**  
People with cognitive and mental health  
impairments in the criminal justice system—  
WIH on inquiry.

**SALRC**  
Assisted decision making—WIH on report.

### *Negligence and Liability*

**CAMAC**  
Long-tail Liabilities: The Treatment of  
Unascertained Future Personal Injury Claims,  
May 2008 (R).

**ILRC**  
Civil liability of good samaritans and  
volunteers—WIH on report.

**Law Com**  
Administrative Redress: Public Bodies and the  
Citizen, July 2008 (CP 187).

**Man LRC**  
Waiver and personal liability—report expected  
early 2009.

**Scot Law Com**  
Damages for Wrongful Death, September 2008  
(R 213).



## *Power of Attorney*

### **WCLRA**

Enduring Powers of Attorney: Areas for Reform, June 2008 (joint report).

### **NTLRC**

Powers of Attorney Act and medical enduring powers of attorney—WIH on inquiry.

### **QLRC**

Guardianship laws: general principles—report expected late 2008.

### **Sask LRC**

Corporate fiduciary services—WIH on inquiry.

## *Privacy*

### **AGD**

Model Spent Convictions Bill, November 2008 (CP).

### **ALRC**

For Your Information: Review of Australian Privacy Law and Practice, May 2008 [released August 2008] (R 108).

### **BCLI**

Report on the Privacy Act of British Columbia, February 2008 (R).

### **MoJ (UK)**

Inspection Powers and Funding Arrangements of the Information Commissioner, July 2008 (CP).

### **NCCUSL**

Health care information interoperability—WIH by study committee.

### **NSWLRC**

Privacy Legislation in New South Wales, June 2008 (CP 3).

### **NZLC**

Review of Privacy—WIH on Stage 3 of Inquiry.

### **SALRC**

Privacy and data protection—WIH on inquiry.

### **SCAG**

Model Spent Convictions Bill—WIH on inquiry.

### **VLRC**

Surveillance in public places—WIH on CP.

## *Public Order*

### **NZLC**

Public safety and security—WIH on inquiry.

### **QLRC**

A Review of the Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982 (Qld), August 2008 (R).

### **SALRC**

Adult prostitution—WIH on inquiry.  
A specific civil action in respect of consequential damages from hoaxes—WIH on inquiry.

## *Real Property*

### **BCLI**

Real property review—WIH on inquiry.

### **HKLRC**

Adverse possession—WIH on inquiry.

### **ILRC**

Multi-unit Developments, June 2008 (R 90).

### **LRC Maur**

Facilitating Business: Registration of Property—WIH on report.

### **NCCUSL**

Amendments to Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act—new draft July 2008.

Draft Partition of Tenancy-in-Common Real Property Act—new draft November 2008.

Transfer on Death of Real Property Act—new draft December 2008.

### **NZLC**

Review of the Land Transfer Act 1952, October 2008 (IP 10).

### **Scot Law Com**

Land registration—WIH on report.

### **TLRI**

Easements and analogous rights—WIH on IP.

## *Regulatory law*

### **ARC**

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### **SALRC**

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### **NCCUSL**

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### **NZLC**

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### **JCS(ACT)**

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### **NZLC**

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### **HoRLCA**

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### **ALRI**

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### **SALRC**

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## Abbreviations

ACIP	Australia. Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property	NSWLCLJ	New South Wales. Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice
AGD	Australia. Attorney-General's Department	NSWSC	New South Wales Sentencing Council
AGD(NSW)	New South Wales. Attorney General's Department	NTLRC	Northern Territory Law Reform Committee
AHRC	Australian Human Rights Commission	NZLC	New Zealand Law Commission
AJTC	United Kingdom. Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council	NZMJ	New Zealand Ministry of Justice
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission	PC	Australia. Productivity Commission
ALRI	Alberta Law Reform Institute	PJCCFS	Australia. Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services
ARC	Australia. Administrative Review Council	QLCARC	Queensland. Parliament. Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
BCLI	British Columbia Law Institute	QLRC	Queensland Law Reform Commission
CAMAC	Australia. Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee	R	Report
CP	Consultation Paper	SALRC	South African Law Reform Commission
DoFP(NI)	Northern Ireland. Department of Finance and Personnel	Sask LRC	Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission
DoJ(NT)	Northern Territory. Department of Justice	SCAG	Australia. Standing Committee of Attorneys-General
DP	Discussion Paper	Scot Law Com	Scottish Law Commission
DR	Draft Report	Senate LCC	Australia. Senate Legal and Constitutional Standing Committee
FLC	Australia. Family Law Council	TLRI	Tasmania Law Reform Institute
HKLRC	Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	Treasury	Australia. The Treasury
HMCS(UK)	United Kingdom. Her Majesty's Court Service	VLRC	Victorian Law Reform Commission
HMT(UK)	United Kingdom. Her Majesty's Treasury	VPLRC	Victoria. Parliament. Law Reform Committee
HO(UK)	United Kingdom. Home Office	VPSARC	Victoria. Parliament. Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
HoRLCA	Australia. House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs	VSAC	Victoria. Sentencing Advisory Council
ILC	Law Commission of India	WALC	Western Australia. Legislative Council Legislation Committee
ILRC	Ireland. Law Reform Commission	WCLRA	Western Canada Law Reform Agencies (Alberta Law Reform Institute, British Columbia Law Institute, Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan and Manitoba Law reform Commission)
IP	Issues Paper	WDR	Working Draft Report
IREPBC	Australia. Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	WIH	Work In Hand
JCS(ACT)	Australian Capital Territory. Department of Justice and Community Safety		
Law Com	England and Wales. Law Commission		
LJFNSW	Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales		
LRC Maur	Law Reform Commission of Mauritius		
LRCWA	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia		
Man LRC	Manitoba Law Reform Commission		
MCLOC	Australia. Model Criminal Law Officers' Committee		
MoJ(UK)	United Kingdom. Ministry of Justice		
NCCUSL	United States. National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws		
NSW Omb	New South Wales Ombudsman		
NSWLRC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission		