SUBMISSIONS AND LETTERS OF ADVICE

Since the publication of *Admin Review* 51, the Council has provided advice or made submissions to:

- the Australian Law Reform Commission, commenting on the Discussion Paper on the review of the federal civil justice system;
- two letters to the Assistant Secretary, Information Law Branch, Attorney-General's Department, giving Council's views on the issue of privacy in the private sector;
- the Attorney-General and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, giving Council's views on merits review of certain fisheries decisions;
- three letters to the Assistant Secretary, Administrative and Procedural Justice Branch, Attorney-General's Department, commenting on aspects of the draft Administrative Review Tribunal Bill:
- the Assistant Secretary, Information Law Branch, Attorney-General's Department, commenting on the draft Freedom of Information Amendment Bill;
- the Attorney-General, regarding the proposed implementation of several recommendations from the Guilfoyle Report on the social security review and appeals system;
- the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee (QLD) in relation to Council's views on the application of freedom of information legislation;
- the Attorney-General, regarding the operation of section 13 of the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* in respect to a decision maker's failure to provide reasons;
- the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs regarding the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000; and
- the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, giving the Council's views on the Migration Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000.

CURRENT WORK PROGRAM

Further information on any of the projects discussed below can be obtained from the Council's Secretariat on (02) 6250 5800.