



A new adventure awaits

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And into the roaring 20s we head!

There is no doubt that the coming decade will be one of much change, with plenty of challenges and opportunities for the legal profession and the broader community.

The Society is implementing some significant changes of its own over the course of this year as we move into a new *Strategic Plan* for the organisation, taking professional indemnity arrangements for NT law practices in a new direction, re-focussing our Continuing Professional Development Program and continuing to work toward efficient and effective regulatory responses.

This is also a year of change for the Secretariat—we are settling into our new premises, there will be a new CEO leading the team and there are other changes with the Secretariat staff happening over the coming months.

Sadly this will be my last message to you in *Balance*. As I work to wrap things up before my departure from the Secretariat and prepare for a handover to Kelvin Strange as incoming CEO, I've reflected on my time with the Society and my interaction with many of the Society's members.

I have very much enjoyed my time working at the Society's Secretariat, in my roles as Manager Regulatory Services and CEO. It has been rewarding, at times challenging, but always fulfilling.

Whilst the legal profession in the NT is small by number, in my observation it serves the community with passion and compassion. There are many dedicated practitioners not only working in their clients' best interests but also contributing to law reform and advocacy for the benefit of the community more broadly.

I have relished the opportunity as CEO to spend time with our regional members in Katherine and Alice Springs and hear directly from them about their experience of practising law in the Northern Territory. I am routinely in awe of the high calibre work undertaken by many of our practitioners under difficult and under-resourced circumstances.



2019 Members' Christmas Drinks, Darwin



Northern Territory legislation

INTRODUCED

Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	19/02/20
Financial Management Amendment Bill 2020 [^]	19/02/20
Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 ^{^^}	19/02/20
Judicial Commission Bill 2020	13/02/20
Liquor Amendment Bill 2020	13/02/20
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	13/02/20
Planning Amendment Bill 2020	13/02/20
Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020	12/02/20
Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019	28/11/19
Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill	28/11/19
Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	28/11/19
Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019	28/11/19
Burial and Cremation Bill 2019*	7/08/19

PASSED

Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**	20/02/20
Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019	19/02/20
Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**	18/02/20
Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Bill 2019**	13/02/20
Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Bill 2019**	13/02/20
National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019**	12/02/20
Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**	11/02/20
Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**	11/02/20

[^] Private Member's Bill - Negatived 19/02/2020

^{^^} Private Member's Bill

* Withdrawn

** Amendments made

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Even though I am leaving the Territory and looking to explore new opportunities in Brisbane, rest assured I will promote the great work you do any chance I get!

I extend my thanks to all of the Councillors and committee members I have had the pleasure of working with over my eight years at the Society. Particular thanks go to the three Presidents I have worked under over that time—Peggy Cheong, Tass Liveris and Maria Savvas.

I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the exceptionally hard-working team at the Secretariat. It has been my honour to work with you and lead you. You are a wonderful bunch of humans and are to be congratulated for the contribution you make to the smooth operation of the Society and its efforts to support the legal profession. ■

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