

FOREWORD

This special issue of the *Canberra Law Review* contains papers from the Justice Connections Symposium, convened on 3 June 2011 by the ANZSOG Justice (Access and Administration) Group at the University of Canberra as an opportunity to showcase the justice-related research projects of the University of Canberra's Faculty of Law and stimulate engagement among a wider community of legal academics and practitioners. The theme of the Symposium, 'Justice Connections', was designed to facilitate discussion of common themes and problems relating to justice in diverse fields and explore solutions that may transcend traditional categories of law and institutional divides. There were four sessions, each examining a different sub-theme: Justice Behind the Scenes; Justice in the Workplace; Justice, the Individual and the Courtroom; and Justice in a Comparative Context.

The Symposium was opened by University of Canberra Vice Chancellor, Professor Stephen Parker, and featured contributions from former High Court Judge Michael Kirby AC, CMG; Professor Rosalind Croucher, President of the Australian Law Reform Commission; Dr Helen Watchirs, ACT Human Rights Commissioner; Professor Margaret Thornton, ARC Australian Professorial Fellow at the Australian National University; and Associate Professor Simon Rice OAM, Chair of the ACT Law Reform Advisory Council. The Symposium was attended by over 100 people from the ACT, interstate, and overseas. It was described by those present as a day of thought-provoking and stimulating discussion and plans are underway to convene a second Justice Connections Symposium on 30 November 2012.

Consistent with the theme of the Symposium, the articles in this special issue span a broad range of topics across multiple fields of law, including taxation (resource rent tax), sexual harassment, legal issues surrounding dementia, and more.

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