

Canberra Law Review

This issue of the *Canberra Law Review* features topical articles on:

- the scope of prerogative copyright in Australia,
- the open justice principle under Chapter III of the Australian Constitution,
- targeted killing in modern warfare,
- taxing economic rent, and
- the anti-avoidance rules for the Australian income tax and GST systems

as well as three valuable commentaries. One is by the joint editor, Robert MacLean, on the High Court decision in *Williams v Commonwealth of Australia* which discusses the limits to the capacity of the federal executive to enter into contracts, the second by Professors Brian and Anne Fitzgerald and Cheryl Foong on copyright exceptions beyond the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth), which are little known and discussed, and the third by Michael McCagh on the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) an important piece of legislation affecting all Australian commercial law and particularly the area of construction contracts.

The articles reflect the focus of this School of Law and Justice and that of our University, which has a National Security Institute. The article on prerogative copyright is a sequel to an article published in the 3/2011 issue of the *Canberra Law Review*. That article is re-published in this issue without the editorial errors that appeared in the original.

The *Canberra Law Review* will in future publish articles as they are approved for publication with consequent less delay for authors. Contributions will be accepted on an annual edition basis throughout the year. While the *Canberra Law Review* will continue to focus on articles relating to theory and practice, and traditional, innovative and cross-disciplinary approaches to law, we are particularly interested in articles connected to Commonwealth law, legal developments and reform, the Australian Capital Territory and the wider Canberra region. We encourage submissions from postgraduate and other research-active students and it is our hope that the Review will be an outlet for the publication of dissertations and research papers of article length, as well as an outlet for publishing for members of the legal profession and legal scholars.

This issue has been largely the responsibility of only two people. The editorial board has comprised Dr John Gilchrist and Mr Robert MacLean, with the recent assistance of Mr Tony Meacham and Mr Michael McCagh. Dr Gilchrist was the co-editor of the inaugural issue of the *Canberra Law Review*. The caricature of Sir Isaac Isaacs returns in this issue.

John Gilchrist

Robert MacLean.