

## FOREWORD

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It is my pleasure to welcome readers to this issue of the Journal of Applied Law and Policy (JALAP).

JALAP is a double-blind refereed journal that publishes scholarly works on all aspects of law. JALAP satisfies the requirements to be regarded as peer reviewed as contained in current Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Specifications. JALAP also meets the description of a refereed journal as per current Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) categories.

JALAP was established by the Applied Law and Policy (ALAP) Area of Research Focus following a decision by the ALAP Executive to proceed with the proposal. I am delighted to have been bestowed the honour of being JALAP's inaugural Editor-in-Chief and would like to record my sincere appreciation to the ALTA Executive for being brave enough to allow me to proceed with this project.

JALAP represents an important initiative which is central to the research endeavours of ALAP. The response to this inaugural issue of JALAP has been most encouraging and we received more submissions for consideration to be published than we imagined. All submissions have undergone a rigorous double-blind peer review and I am confident that readers will find the articles not only interesting and topical, but scholarly as well.

Finally, and most importantly, I need to extend my sincere thanks to a number of people whose collective efforts have made this journal possible. First, in addition to all members of the ALAP Executive, I would like to thank my Editorial Board colleagues for their counsel and support. Second, I must thank all referees who assisted us with the double-blind refereeing process. I would also like to offer my thanks to Anne Kallies for her exceptional work in proofreading and to David Brennan for his efforts in typesetting. Lastly, I need to record a special thanks to Jeannie Oliveira who was ALAP's Administrative-Coordinator. Jeannie has been tireless in her work on all aspects dealing with JALAP and has been supremely organised and efficient. I can safely say that without Jeannie's contributions this issue of JALAP would simply not have been produced in the timely and professional manner that it has been. Also, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Administrative Co-ordinator, Deepa Sharma and thank Deepa for the efficient and seamless way she took over the finalization of this issue from Jeannie.

I commend this issue of JALAP to all readers and ALAP looks forward to continuing to contribute to legal scholarship through this journal.

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