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With volume 16, 2009 our *eLaw Journal: Murdoch University Electronic Journal of Law*, has, with its use of Open Journal Systems (OJS), attempted to embrace a more systematic way of managing the processes associated with the publication of an on-line scholarly journal. The process has taken longer than expected and our experience has not been without its difficulties. The setting up of OJS for the journal and the complexity of the processes built into it have often proved problematic. It would, for example, have been helpful to have been able to reduce the number of steps required by the system between the receipt of a piece to its final publication. Being unable to modify the OJS software to suit our particular needs and so having to identify and test ways around OJS rather than work through it, has been time consuming and often frustrating and has contributed to the delay in publishing this volume. I hope our contributors to this volume will accept our apologies for the delay. I hope we will be able to operate the publication processes more expeditiously for volume 17 so that items submitted will appear in a more timely fashion.

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