

- that media organisations will be required to commit publicly to published privacy standards before they can have the benefit of the media exemption.

## **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE**

The *Federal Magistrates Act 1999* received Royal Assent on 23 December 1999, and on 31 January 2000 the Attorney-General announced the intention to appoint Ms Diana Bryant QC as the first Chief Federal Magistrate. She was sworn in on 11 May 2000. A number of magistrates for cities and regions around Australia have since been appointed and were sworn in on 28 June 2000.

## **MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 2000**

The above Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 14 March 2000. It has been referred by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration for inquiry. The Administrative Review Council has made a submission to that inquiry.

One of the purposes of the Bill is to amend the *Migration Act 1958* to prohibit class actions in migration matters. The Bill also introduces a strict 28-day time limit for applications to the High Court in its original jurisdiction under the Constitution for judicial review of decisions under subsections (1), (2) or (3) of section 475 of the *Migration Act 1958*, in order to ensure that the High Court and the Federal Court have the same time limit on applications for judicial review.