

Victorian Law Reform Commissioner (V.L.R.C.)

- \* Innocent Misrepresentation in Contract: See *New References*

Victorian Statute Law Revision Committee (V.S.L.R.C.)

- \* Animals: Protection of Animals (2 Projects): Interim Report due this Sitting.
- \* Imperial Acts Application Act: W.I.H. actively. Report expected this Sitting.
- \* Constitution: W.I.H. on review of the Constitution Act, 1975.
- \* Privacy: Not yet proceeding actively.
- \* Magistrates (Summary Proceedings) Act s.44: Not yet proceeding actively.
- \* Constitution Bill 1976 (Office of Profit): Proceeding actively. Witnesses called. Report due this Sitting.
- \* Infancy: Evidence completed. Draft Report considered, due late March, 1977.
- \* Adoption: Adoption of Children Act 1964 W.I.H.

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- \* Privacy: Joint meeting with A.L.R.C. to be held 2 April 1976.
- \* Interest on Judgment Debts: See *New References*.

## New References

The following are the new references received since January 1977:

- A.L.R.C: Locus Standi, Class Actions and Access to the Courts. See p. 28 above.
  - : Aboriginal Customary Laws: See p. 25 above.
- N.S.W.L.R.C: Unincorporated Associations: For urgent report.
- P.N.G.L.R.C: Administrative Law: General Review, received March 1977.
  - : Local & District Courts: Review of, received March 1977.
- S.A. Royal Comm: Juvenile Courts: His Honour Judge R.F. Mohr enquiring into whether any changes in legislation or otherwise are necessary to implement policy of Juvenile Courts Act.
- V.L.R.C: Misrepresentation in Contract along the lines of English and South Australian legislation, referred Oct. 1976.
- V.C.J.C: Constitution Act 1975: Sub-committee established to report to V.S.L.R.C. on review of the Act.
  - : Supreme Court Act: Foreign attachment
  - : Arbitration: Sub-committee established to examine N.S.W.L.R.C. report re uniform commercial arbitration legislation.
- W.A.L.R.C: Interest on Judgment Debts: Assessing compensation after judgment obtained, taking into account the interest (or inflation) factor.

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Administrative Review Council

With the announced appointment of Professor Jack Richardson as Commonwealth Ombudsman, the Administrative Review Council is now complete. The President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Mr. Justice Brennan and the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission, Mr. Justice Kirby, are ex officio members, as is the Ombudsman. Other members are Mr. L.G. Daniels, O.B.E., Mr. A.F. Deer, C.M.G., Mr. R.V. Gyles, Q.C., Mr. C.W. Harders, O.B.E., Mr. G.J. Kolts, Mr. D.L. Linehan and Professor H. Whitmore. The Council has been meeting monthly in Canberra following its first meeting, opened by the Attorney-General on 10 December 1976. Under the Act the functions of the Council include those of keeping administrative decisions under review and making recommendations concerning methods of review and improvements in procedures. It promises to be a very active Council.

Mr. Eric Freeman

Mr. E.G. Freeman, has assumed the position of Chairman of the W.A.L.R.C. Born in Wellington, New Zealand, Mr. Freeman practised as a Barrister and Solicitor in N.Z. until 1969 when he moved to Western Australia. He was for five years a part-time lecturer in Commercial Law at the Victoria University. He joined the Crown Law Department in W.A. and is at present Senior Assistant Crown Solicitor. He was a Member of the W.A.L.R.C. from its inception in 1973. This is his second term as Chairman and he will hold this office for a year. He replaces Mr. D.K. Malcolm, by rotation. Mr. Malcolm remains a member of the W.A.L.R.C.