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- Tas LRC : : Sixth Annual Report 1980, 1981
- WALRC : *WP 34(V)* : On Trustees' Powers of Investment plus a Questionnaire on same, 1982
- Institute of Family Studies : *DP 1* : Possible Directions for an Australian Family Policy, 1981
- : *DP 2* : The Family and the Pre-School Child, 1981
- : *DP 3* : Work and the Family, 1981
- : *DP 4* : The Changing Face of Childhood, 1981

### Canada

- BCCLRC : *51* : Report on Benefits Conferred under a Mistake of Law, 1981
- : *52* : Report on the Making and Revocation of Wills, 1981
- : *WP 33* : Foreign Money Liabilities, 1982

### Manitoba

- LRC : *47* : Report on Prejudgment Compensation on Money Awards: Alternatives to Interest, 1982
- : *48* : Report on Prescriptive Easements and Profits-A-Prendre, 1982

### Saskatchewan

- LRC : : Tentative Proposals for a Compulsory Mental Health Care Act, 1981
- : : Proposals on Custody, Parental Guardianship and the Civil Rights of Minors, 1981

### Hong Kong

- Hong Kong LRC : *1* : Report on Commercial Arbitration, 1981. See p.

### Papua New Guinea

- PNGLRC : *12* : Report on Transfer Pricing Manipulation, 1981
- : *OP 17* : Review of Consumer Protection Legislation: Part 1, 1981

### United Kingdom

- Law Com : *112* : Report on Family Law: The Financial Consequences of Divorce, 1981
- : *WP 80* : Private International Law Foreign Money Liabilities, 1981
- Scot Law Com : *67* : Report on Family Law: Aliment and Financial Provision, 1981
- : *69* : Report on the Law of Incest in Scotland, 1981

### United States of America

- Calif LRC : : Tentative Recommendations Relating to Holographic and Nuncupative Wills, 1981
- : : Tentative Recommendation Relating to Rights of Entry and Possibilities of Reverter, 1981
- : : Tentative Recommendations Relating to Unperformed Real Property Sales Contracts, 1981
- Michigan LRC : : Sixteenth Annual Report, 1981

### Zimbabwe

- Advisory Com LR : *1* : Report on Habitual Criminals and the Indeterminate Sentence, 1981
- : *WP 2* : Aspects of Capital Punishment, 1981
- : : First Annual Report, 1981. see above p. 68.

## new references

- NSWLRC : *Reforms in Criminal procedures*: In particular the NSWLRC will examine the special problems of lengthy trials. Participants will include Mr. Justice Roden (part-time Commissioner) and Dr. Greg Woods QC and Mr. W. Robinson (NSW Department of the Attorney-General, consultants).
- PNGLRC : *Corruption and Bribery*: Referred by the Minister of Justice in January 1982, this will examine the Criminal Code and the Leadership Code, with a view to considering new laws particularly on bribery and corruption in dealings between public and private sectors. The possible assignment of some corruption cases to principal magistrates will be considered.

## what's going on in the LRCs?

### Australian Law Reform Commission

- *Child Welfare*. Report under official and public consideration. See above, p. 71.
- *Evidence*. Consultative documents circulating. Meeting with consultants late March 1982. See above, p. 49. Work in hand (WIH)
- *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. WIH. New full-time Commissioner (Dr. James Crawford) working specifically on consultative paper concerning Aboriginal marriages.
- *Standing and Class Actions*. WIH. Report on Standing expected late 1982.

- *Debt Recovery*. WIH. Project to be revived 1982.
- *Privacy*. WIH. Discussions with NSW Privacy Committee and other State colleagues. Following enactment of Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cwlth) draft ALRC Bill being prepared to complement FOI. Report expected late 1982.
- *Sentencing*. As [1982] *Reform 37*. See above, p. 53.
- *Insurance Contracts*. Draft Bill based on the *Insurance Agents and Brokers* report before Australian Parliament. Work on balance of project well advanced. Report expected mid 1982.
- *Law Reform Digest*. WIH. Manuscript with printer. Publication expected mid 1982.

#### N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *De facto Relationships*. Following release of its Issues Paper, the Commission intends to conduct an 'open house' at Glebe Town Hall on 22 April 1982 from 9.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Seminar on the topic will also be held at the State Office Block Theatre on Thursday 29 April 1982 at 5.30 p.m., admission free.
- *Accident Compensation*. WIH.
- *Evidence*. Work proceeds in co-operation with the ALRC.
- *Legal Profession*. Reports 1 and 2 dealing with 'General Regulation and Structure' and 'Complaints, Discipline and Professional Standards' presented to NSW Attorney-General. Copies expected to be available late May 1982. Otherwise WIH.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. Report presented to NSW Attorney-General. Copies expected to be available late May 1982.

#### Northern Territory Law Review Committee (NTLRC)

- See [1981] *Reform 138*. It is reported that the position of Executive Officer is vacant and that the work of the committee is being reviewed by Government.

#### New Zealand Contracts & Commercial Law Reform Committee (NZCCLRC)

- *Sale of Goods (Consumer Warranties)*. Comments received on working paper. Awaiting preparation of draft Bill.
- *Secured Transactions*. First report presented. Matter under consideration.
- *Law of Insurance*. First report presented. Second report in preparation.
- *The Right of Set-Off*. Discussion paper in preparation.
- *Review of Arbitration Act 1908*. WIH.
- *Frustration*. WIH.
- *Contribution in Civil Cases*. Discussion paper in preparation.

#### New Zealand Criminal Law Reform Committee (NZCLRC)

- *Bail*. Final report in preparation.
- *Discovery in Criminal Cases*. WIH.
- *Drunkness*. WIH.

#### New Zealand Property Law and Equity Reform Committee (NZLERC)

- *Positive Covenants Running with the Land*. Second working paper in preparation.
- *Share Premium Reserve Dividends*. Report in preparation.
- *Capital Profit Dividends*. WIH.
- *Law Relating to Watercourses and Adjacent Land*. WIH.
- *Law Relating to Landlord and Tenant*. WIH.
- *Trustee Investments*. WIH.

#### New Zealand Public and Administrative Law Reform Committee (NZPALRC)

- *By-law Making Powers and Procedures of Local Bodies*. WIH.
- *Study of Discretionary Powers Conferred by Statute on Public Authorities*. Interim report on powers of entry and search presented. Final report in preparation.
- *Appeals by Way of Case Stated*. Report in final stages of preparation.
- *Privative Clauses*. WIH.
- *Delegation*. WIH.

#### Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission (PNGLRC)

- See [1982] *Reform 37*. New reference received on bribery. The Acting Chairman (Mr. Joseph Aisa) has called attention to the serious under-staffing of the PNGLRC and that it 'would need at least four new lawyers if any progress were to be made in the backlog of work and on the new reference'.

#### Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC)

- *Supreme Court and Ancillary Acts*. WP 24 circulated for comment.
- *Real Property Acts*. WIH
- *Rehabilitation of Offenders Act*. An Act modelled on the 1974 English Rehabilitation of Offenders Act is being studied.
- *Evidence: Reproduction of Business Documents*. WIH.

#### South Australian Law Reform Committee (SALRC)

- *Practice and Procedure*. WIH.
- *Locus Standi*. Report 67 relating to law governing locus standi — non-party interventions and amici curiae in relation to proceedings in civil jurisdiction

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is circulating and should be sent to Attorney-General soon.

- *Real Property: Mortgages*. WIH.
- *Insurance: Fire Insurance (#52)*. WIH.
- *Liens: Workmen's Liens (#64)*. WIH.
- *Evidence*. (#51). WIH.
- *Crown Proceedings*. WIH.
- *Gaming and Wagering*. Report presented, not yet printed.
- *Group Defamation*. Report prepared, not yet printed.

### Tasmanian Law Reform Commission (TasLRC)

- See [1981] *Reform 106*.
- *Annual Report 1980* of the TasLRC records progress in work of the Commission, co-operation with other agencies and implementation of Commission reports.
- TasLRC is aiming to complete all existing references by June 1982. The Attorney-General has suggested that the Commission propose a program suitable for the four-year life of the next Parliament.
- The Commission has recently completed references on the Small Claims Court, Long-term Contracts, Tranquilliser Guns, Exemption Clauses and Liability Obligations in Contracts for Goods and Services and the Evidence Rule in *Hollington v. Hewthorn*.
- Work is in hand on completing reports concerning Wills, Boundary Fences, Rape and Other Crimes of a Sexual Nature, the Rule Against Perpetuities, Variation of Trusts and Compensation for Personal Injuries in Tort.

### Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee (VCJC)

- *Occupiers' Liability*. Sub-committee report considered by full committee. Matter referred back for further consideration.
- *Habeas Corpus Act*. WIH.
- *Hearsay Rule*. Sub-committee established to consider proposals of the ALRC.
- *Compatibility and Compellability*. Sub-committee established to consider proposals of the ALRC.
- *Supreme Court Act 1958, s. 142-159 (Foreign Attachments)*. WIH.
- *Survival of Causes of Action for Personal Injury*. Sub-committee report presented to full committee but consideration adjourned until next meeting.
- *Wills for Mentally Disordered Persons*. Sub-committee report approved in principle, referred back to sub-committee.

### Victorian Law Reform Commissioner (VLRC)

- *Corporate Crime*. WIH.
- *Crime: Provocation, Diminished Responsibility as Defences to Murder*. Report published January 1982.

- *In Vitro Fertilisation*. The VLRC, in a personal capacity, is to chair an ad hoc committee on the legal implications of IVF. See above, p. 65.

### Victorian Statute Law Revision Committee (VSRC)

- *Constitution Act 1975 — Role of the Upper House*. An interim report was prepared to advise the Victorian Parliament of the committee's progress in the inquiry just before the dissolution of the Parliament for the current elections.
- *Constitution Act 1975*. There are six terms of reference to be considered.
- *Protection of Animals Act 1966*. There are four terms of reference to be considered.
- *Privacy*. Submissions to be examined. Co-operating with ALRC.

### Western Australian Law Reform Commission (WALRC)

- *Privacy*. The WALRC is collaborating with the ALRC.
- *Local Courts*. WP on general principles and structure, jurisdiction and administration of local courts soon to be published.
- *Strata Titles*. WIH.
- *Criminal Process and Mental Disorder*. WP in preparation.
- *Fugitive Fathers*. WIH.

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### The Rt. Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, K.St.J., QC

It was announced in Canberra and London on 14 January 1982 that the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, will relinquish his office in late July 1982. He will take up an appointment as Provost of Oriel College, Oxford in succession to Lord Swann. Sir Zelman was a Fellow and Tutor at Oriel between 1947 and 1950, having earlier studied as a Rhodes Scholar at New College. His contribution to law reform in Australia, as a law teacher, university Vice-Chancellor and member of Victorian law reform bodies (including the VCJC), led naturally to his appointment in July 1976 as a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission. He held this post until the announcement of his appointment as Governor-General in August 1977. He took a keen interest in a number of ALRC projects, including those on Human Tissue Transplants and Privacy. He signed into law the legislation based on the ALRC report on the former topic and himself remarked that this was a rare event for a law reformer. In many speeches delivered as Governor-General, he continued to exhibit a keen interest in both the substance and procedures of law reform. One such speech is noted in this issue. See above p. For a note on his career see [1977] *Reform 58*.

### The Rt. Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen KBE

At the time of the announcement of the retirement of Sir Zelman Cowen, the appointment of Sir Ninian Stephen, a