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Areas of Law Under Review

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AIDS

SALC

- First interim report on aspects of the law relating to AIDS, 1997 (Project 85)
- Aspects of the law relating to AIDS: HIV/AIDS and discrimination in schools, 1997 (DP 73 (Project 85))

Aborigines

Sen

- Consideration of legislation referred to the Committee: constitutional aspects of the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997, 1997

NTLRC

- ADR and Aboriginal disputes - WIH on a report by the ADR and Aboriginal disputes subcommittee

QCJC

- Reports on Aboriginal witnesses and policy watch houses: status of recommendations, 1997

Access to Justice

Sen

- Australian legal aid system and the continuing ability of all to have access to legal services and litigation in Australia - WIH

WALRC

- Criminal and civil justice system - WIH on an examination of the justice system in WA including the role of the legal profession, dispute resolution, access to justice, simplified procedures, delays and the cost of litigation

NZLC

- Women's access to justice: He putanga mo hga wahine ki te tika - women's access to legal advice and representation: a consultation paper, 1997 (MP 9) - WIH on a report on the barriers women face in accessing the justice system
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- Women's access to justice: He putanga mo hga wahine ki te tika - the education and training of law students and lawyers, 1997 (MP 11)

Accident Compensation

Law Com

- Claims for wrongful death, 1997 (CP 148)

Accounting

CLERP

- Accounting standards: building international opportunities for Australian business, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 1)

Administrative Law

ARC

- The contracting out of government services: access to information, 1997 (DP) - WIH on a final report
- Appeals from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to the Federal Court, 1997 (R 41)
- Administrative review of patents decisions - WIH

- Internal review - WIH on a project looking at review on the merits of a Commonwealth government agency's primary decisions, which is undertaken by other officers within the same agency

Adoption

FLC

- Step-parent adoptions - WIH on an advice or report is to be completed by June 1998

ILRC

- Consultation paper on the implementation of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption 1993, 1997

Adversarial System

ALRC

- Review of the adversarial system of litigation: rethinking family law proceedings, 1997 (ALRC IP 22) - WIH on a series of IPs dealing with technology, tribunals and ADR due for release in April 1998. WIH on BPs on costs, appellate procedure, experts and legal ethics

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Archives

ALRC

- Review of the *Archives Act 1983*, 1997 (ALRC DRP 4) - WIH on the final report due in April 1998

Banking Law

BLD

- Settlement in the payments system: proposed Bills to enhance the stability of the payments system: draft legislation and commentary, 1998
- Cheques and Payment Orders Amendment Bill 1998: proposals to extend cheque issuing rights to building societies, credit unions and their industry SSPs (special service providers) and to make a number of miscellaneous amendments to the *Cheques and Payments Orders Act 1986*: draft Bill and commentary, 1998

Bankruptcy

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Bill of Rights

QLCARC

- The preservation and enhancement of individuals' rights and freedoms: should Queensland adopt a Bill of Rights?, 1997 (IP 3)

Bioethics

Ontario LRC

- Report on genetic testing, 1996

Building Law

WALRC

- Financial protection in the building and construction industry - WIH on finalising a report

BCLI

- Introducing British Columbia's new Builders Lien Act, 1997

Charities

Ontario LRC

- Report on the law of charities: Volumes 1 & 2, 1996

Child Abuse

LCC

- Child abuse - an IP was submitted to the Minister for Justice in February. The next stage of the project involves in depth studies of key questions raised in the IP, including identifying the causes and consequences of abuse and assessing the strengths and weaknesses of possible models for addressing institutional child abuse

Child Welfare

FLC

- The care, support and protection of children: interaction between the Family Law Act and State and Territory child and family services legislation: principles and minimum standards, 1998 (DP 1)

ILRC

- Consultation paper on the implementation of the Hague Convention on

Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption 1993, 1997

Children and the Legal System

ALRC & HREOC

- Seen and heard: priority for children in the legal process, 1997 (ALRC 84)

FLC

- Child abduction - WIH on a final report due for release shortly. The AG has asked the Council to look into a number of matters, including whether parental child abduction should be criminalised
- Child support - the Child Support Committee of the FLC meets with officers of the Child Support Agency, the Department of Social Security and the Family Law Section of the Law Council on a quarterly basis to monitor the operation of the Child Support Scheme from a family law perspective

WALRC

- Medical treatment for minors - WIH on IP

Fiji LRC

- Family law reform: affiliation orders, 1997 (DP 3 - 1997)

Children's Evidence

see Evidence

Civil Law

WALRC

- Criminal and civil justice system - WIH on an examination of the justice system in WA including the role of the legal profession, dispute resolution, access to justice, simplified procedures, delays and the cost of litigation

Scot Law Com

- Report on interpretation in private law, 1997 (Scot Law Com 160)

Class Actions

VICAGLRAC

- Class actions in Victoria - a time for a new approach, 1997 (Expert Report 2)

Company Directors

CLERP

- Directors' duties and corporate governance: facilitating innovation and protecting investors, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No. 3)

Company Law

CASAC

- Corporate groups - WIH on a DP due before June 1998
- Voluntary administration - WIH on a report due before June 1998

CLERP

- Accounting standards: building international opportunities for Australian business, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 1)
- Fundraising: capital raising initiatives to build enterprise and employment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 2)
- Directors' duties and corporate governance: facilitating innovation and protecting investors, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 3)
- Takeovers: corporate control: a better environment for productive investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 4)
- Electronic commerce: cutting cyber-tape - building business, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 5)
- Promoting competition: financial innovation and investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 6)

VLRC

- Regulatory efficiency legislation: report, 1997

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Law Com

- Report on shareholder remedies, 1997 (Law Com No 246)

Scot Law Com

- Discussion paper on penalty clauses, 1997 (DP 103)

Compensation

SA

- Criminal injuries compensation - the South Australian government has indicated that it will review the criminal injuries compensation scheme

Competition

CLERP

- Promoting competition: financial innovation and investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 6)

Constitutional Law

H of R

- Aspects of Section 44 of the Australian Constitution: Subsections 44(i) and (iv), 1997

Sen

- Consideration of legislation referred to the Committee: constitutional aspects of the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997, 1997

Consumer Credit

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Contracts

NZLC

- Repeal of the *Contracts Enforcement Act 1956*: a discussion paper, 1997 (PP 30)

Scot Law Com

- Discussion paper on penalty clauses, 1997 (DP No 103)

Copyright see Intellectual Property

Costs

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NZLC

- Women's access to justice: He puranga mo hga wahine ki te tika - lawyers' costs in family disputes: a consultation paper, 1997 (MP 10)
- Costs in criminal cases: an issues paper, 1997 (MP 12)

Courts and Tribunals

ARC

- Appeals from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to the Federal Court, 1997 (Report No 41)

ALRC

- Review of the adversarial system of litigation - WIH on a series of IPs dealing with technology, tribunals and ADR due for release in April 1998. WIH on BPs on costs, appellate procedure, experts and legal ethics

Criminal Law

AG

- Commonwealth Criminal Code: Serious drug offences in Commonwealth jurisdictions - Criminal Code and *Customs Act 1901* - discussion paper, 1997

ALRC

- Proceeds of crime - WIH on a DP due August 1998

NSWLRC

- Review of section 316 of the *Criminal Act 1900* (NSW), 1997 (DP 39) - WIH. The Commission is seeking submissions by the end of March 1998

SA

- Forensic procedures - the SA government has introduced the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Bill. The Bill is based on the model Bill prepared for SCAG by the Model Criminal Code Officers' Committee
- Criminal injuries compensation - the SA government has indicated it will review the criminal injuries compensation scheme
- Victim impact statements - WIH on a review of the operation of victim impact statements and the Declaration of Victim Rights

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Law Com

- Criminal law: consents to prosecution: a consultation paper, 1997 (CP 149)

NZLC

- Criminal procedure - WIH on an examination of the system of prosecution, the jury system, and alternatives to formal prosecution

Cultural Protection

ILRC

- Report on UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, 1997 (LRC 55)

Custody of Children

see **Children and the Legal System**

Customary Law

NZLC

- Recognition of concepts of Maori customary law - WIH on a guide to enable judges and other decision makers to recognise concepts of Maori customary law

SALC

- The harmonisation of the common law and the indigenous law: customary marriages, 1997 (DP 74 (Project 90))

Damages

NSWLRC

- Contribution between persons liable for the same damage: discussion paper, 1997 (DP 38)

Law Com

- Claims for wrongful death, 1997 (CP No 148)
- Aggravated, exemplary and restitutionary damages, 1997 (Law Com 247)
- Damages for personal injury: collateral benefits, 1997 (CP No 147)

De Facto Relationships see also **Family Law**

Fiji LRC

- Family law reform: de facto family relationships, 1997 (DP 4 - 1997)

Discrimination

Sen

- Report on the need to protect Australian citizens against discrimination and vilification on the grounds of their sexuality or transgender identity, as dealt with by the Sexuality Discrimination Bill 1995, 1997

NSWLRC

- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* - WIH on the final report of this reference

SALC

- Aspects of the law relating to AIDS: HIV/AIDS and discrimination in schools, 1997 (DP 73 (Project 85))

Dispute Resolution

see **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Divorce see **Family Law**

Domestic Violence

DVLWS

- Model domestic violence laws: discussion paper, 1997

NTLRC

- Alternative dispute resolution in the context of family and other domestic disputes, 1997 (Report 17B)

Drugs

AG

- Commonwealth Criminal Code: Serious drug offences in Commonwealth jurisdictions - Criminal Code and *Customs Act 1901* - discussion paper, 1997

QCJC

- Police and drugs: a report of an investigation of cases involving Queensland police officers, 1997

Electronic Commerce

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CLERP

- Electronic commerce: cutting cybertape - building business, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 5)

VLRC

- Technology and the law - WIH on an interim report which is expected to be tabled before the end of the year

NZLC

- Electronic commerce - WIH on a DP due mid-1998

Evidence

ALRC

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QLRC

- Evidence and technology - WIH on a WP due in March 1998
- Evidence of children - WIH on a WP due in March 1998

NZLC

- Evidence law: witness anonymity, 1997 (R 42)
- Reform and codification of the law of evidence - WIH on a report

Execution Law

WALRC

- Writs and warrants of execution - WIH on a draft report which will be circulated to commentators before being finalised

Family Law see also

Marriage

ALRC

- Review of the adversarial system of litigation: rethinking family law proceedings, 1997 (ALRC IP 22) - WIH on a series of IPs dealing with technology, tribunals and ADR due for release in April 1998. WIH on BPs on costs, appellate procedure, experts and legal ethics

FLC

- The care, support and protection of children: interaction between the Family Law Act and State and Territory child and family services legislation: principles and minimum standards, 1998 (DP 1)
- Penalties project - WIH on a preliminary report which was due to be ready for consideration by the Council at its February 1998 meeting. The project is looking into penalties imposed by the Family Court, particularly in relation to enforcement of child access/contact court orders
- Violence and financial settlements under the *Family Law Act 1975* - WIH on redrafting the DP, which should be available for release before mid-1998

- Operation of section 81 of the *Family Law Act 1975* - WIH to follow up the questionnaire distributed in September 1997. About 170 completed questionnaires have so far been received and analysed. Action is being taken to try to obtain the views of a wider range of family lawyers
- Child abduction - WIH on a final report due for release shortly. The AG has asked the Council to look into a number of matters, including whether parental child abduction should be criminalised
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NTLRC

- Alternative dispute resolution in the context of family and other domestic disputes, 1997 (Report No 17B)

Fiji LRC

- Family law reform: divorce, 1997 (DP 2 - 1997)

Fines

SA

- Fine enforcement - WIH on a revision of the system for dealing with fine enforcement

Freedom of Information

ARC

- The contracting out of government services: access to information, 1997 (DP)

NZLC

- Review of the *Official Information Act 1982*, 1997 (R 40)

Habeas Corpus

NZLC

- Habeas corpus procedure, 1997 (R 44)

Insolvency

CASAC

- Voluntary administration - WIH on a report due before June 1998

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Insurance

NZLC

- Insurance law - WIH

Intellectual Property

AG & DCA

- Performers' intellectual property rights: scope of extended rights for performers under the *Copyright Act 1968*: discussion paper, 1997

H of R

- Copyright, music and small business - WIH

Sen

- Provisions of the Copyright Amendment Bill (No 2) 1997 - WIH

International Law

NZLC

- The treaty making process: reform and the role of parliament, 1997 (R 45)

Investments

CLERP

- Takeovers: corporate control: a better environment for productive investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 4)
- Promoting competition: financial innovation and investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 6)

Judiciary

LCC

- Governance relationships - A round-table on judicial compensation and judicial independence will be held in early March 1998. The round-table will explore the character of the relationship between the executive and the judicial branches of government in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Reference re Remuneration of Judges of the Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island*

Judicial Review of Administrative Action see Courts and Tribunals

Juries

VLRC

- Jury service in Victoria - final report Volumes 2 and 3, 1997

NZLC

- Jury system - The Commission is co-sponsoring an empirical research project involving questionnaires and interviews conducted with jurors and judges as soon as possible after the completion of a trial. WIH on a DP on the jury system, with a final report planned for later in the year

Justices of the Peace

QLRC

- Justices of the Peace - WIH on an IP due in February 1998

Juvenile Justice

ALRC & HREOC

- Seen and heard: priority for children in the legal process, 1997 (ALRC 84)

Land Law

NZLC

- Marketing of undivided interests in land - WIH on a project examining the grey area between securities law and land law in such contexts as retirement villages

Law Reform

ALRAC

- Record of proceedings: 17th Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference, 1997 (ALRAC)

Ontario LRC

- Final report, 1996

Legal Aid

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- Australian legal aid system and the continuing ability of all to have access to legal services and litigation in Australia - WIH

Legal Education

NZLC

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Legal Services

Sen

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NSWLRC

- Circulation of legal advice to government - WIH

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Legal System

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Liability

NZLC

- Apportionment of civil liability - WIH on a report

Liens

BCLI

- Introducing British Columbia's new Builders Lien Act, 1997

Limitation of Actions

QLRC

- Review of the *Limitation of Actions Act 1974* (Qld): discussion paper, 1997 (WP No. 50) - WIH on a report due in June 1998

Litigation see Legal System

Maintenance

FLC

- Operation of section 81 of the Family Law Act - WIH to follow up the questionnaire distributed in September 1997

Value judgments: the ethics of law

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Fiji LRC

- Family law reform: affiliation orders, 1997 (DP 3 - 1997)

Namibia LRDC

- Report on maintenance, 1997 (Report No 5)

Marriage see also Family Law

AG

- Civil marriage celebrants program: discussion paper, 1997

Fiji LRC

- Family law reform: marriage and separation, 1997 (DP 1 - 1997)

SALC

- The harmonisation of the common law and the indigenous law: customary marriages, 1997 (DP 74 (Project 90))

Media

Sen

- The rights and obligations of the media - WIH

Mediation see Alternative Dispute Resolution

Medical Law

WALRC

- Medical treatment for minors - WIH on IP

Migration

Sen

- Consideration of legislation referred to the Committee: Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No 4) 1997; Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No 5) 1997, 1997

- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Strengthening of Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 1997 - WIH

Murder

NSWLRC

- Partial defences to murder: provocation and infanticide, 1997 (Report 83)

Native Title

Sen

- Consideration of legislation referred to the Committee: constitutional aspects of the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997, 1997

Negligence

ALRI

- 'Last Clear Chance' rule, 1997 (Report No 75)

Neighbour Relations

NSWLRC

- Neighbour and neighbour relations - WIH on a report on the problems between neighbours caused by trees and noise

Patents

ARC

- Administrative review of patents decisions - WIH

Personal Injuries

Law Com

- Damages for personal injury: collateral benefits, 1997 (CP 147)

Personal Property Securities

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Planning and Environment

VLRC

- Review of *Fences Act 1968* - WIH

Police

QCJC

- Police and drugs: a report of a investigation of cases involving Queensland police officers, 1997
- The cost of first response policing, 1997 (Research Paper Series Vol 4 No 2)
- Integrity in the Queensland Police Service: implementation and impact of the Fitzgerald Inquiry reforms, 1997
- Community consultative committees and the Queensland Police Service: an evaluation, 1997
- The physical requirements of general duties policing, 1998

Privacy

H of R

- Retention of census data - WIH

Proceeds of Crime

ALRC

- Proceeds of crime - WIH on a DP due August 1998

Prosecution

Law Com

- Criminal law: consents to prosecution: a consultation paper, 1997 (CP 149)

Public Administration

ARC

- The contracting out of government services: access to information, 1997 (DP) - WIH on a final report

LCC

- Governance relationships - A round-table on judicial compensation and judicial independence will be held in early March. It will explore the character of the relationship between the executive

and the judicial branches of government in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Reference re Remuneration of Judges of the Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island*. The Commission is also co-sponsoring another round-table to probe what constitutes good governance and the components of the concept in relation to parliament, the courts, administrative agencies and the public service

Rape see **Sexual Offences**

Real Property

NSWLRC

- The right to support from adjoining land, 1997 (Report 84)

NTLRC

- Property law legislation - WIH on a draft Law of Property Act based, as far as possible, on the Queensland legislation. The recommendations are due in 1998

HKLRC

- Report on sales descriptions of overseas uncompleted residential properties, 1997

SILRC

- Land below high water mark and low water mark, 1997 (Report No. 1)

Regulation

VLRC

- Regulatory efficiency legislation: report, 1997

Sale of Goods

WALRC

- Review of the *Sale of Goods Act 1895* - WIH on a report

Fiji LRC

- Company and commercial law reform: Consumer credit, hire purchase and sale of goods (DP 1); Securities over personal property (DP 2); The law of bankruptcy of persons and insolvency of companies (DP 3), 1997 (DPs 1, 2, 3 - 1997)

Securities

NZLC

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Sex Discrimination

see **Discrimination**

Sexual Offences

NSWLRC

- Review of section 409B of the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW), 1997 (IP 14) - WIH

Namibia LRDC

- Report on the law pertaining to rape, 1997 (LRDC 4)

Stocks and Shares

Law Com

- Report on shareholder remedies, 1997 (Law Com 246)

Succession

NSWLRC

- Uniform succession laws - WIH on reports on wills and family provision as a consequence of its participation in the national committee working towards uniform succession laws

QLRC

- The law of wills, 1997 (Report 52)
- Uniform succession laws - Reports by the national committee (established and coordinated by the QLRC) on wills and family provision were presented to SCAG in December 1997. In 1998 the committee will examine probate and administration of estates

NZLC

- Succession law: a Succession (Adjustment) Act, 1997 (R 39)
- Succession law: a Succession (Wills) Act, 1997 (R 41)

Surveillance

NSWLRC

- Surveillance - WIH on a review of the *Listening Devices Act 1984* and the issue of the need to regulate the use of visual surveillance equipment

Takeovers and Mergers

CLERP

- Takeovers: corporate control: a better environment for productive investment, 1997 (Proposals for Reform: Paper No 4)

Technology and the Law

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QLRC

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VLRC

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Trade

Law Com

- Misuse of trade secrets, 1997 (CP 150)

Transexuality

Sen

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Tribunals see Courts and Tribunals

Victims of Crimes

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Wills see Succession

Witnesses

NZLC

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Women and the Law

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Writs

WALRC

- Writs and warrants of execution - WIH on a draft report which will be circulated to commentators before being finalised

Wrongful Convictions

NZLC

- Compensation of persons wrongly convicted of offences - WIH on a DP to be published by the end of March

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ADR	Alternative dispute resolution
AG	Attorney-General's Department
ALRAC	Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
ALRI	Alberta Law Reform Institute
ARC	Administrative Review Council (Australia)
BCLI	British Columbia Law Institute
BLD	Business Law Division, Department of the Treasury
BP	Background paper
CASAC	Companies & Securities Advisory Committee (Australia)
CLERP	Corporate Law Economic Reform Program
CP	Consultation paper
DCA	Department of Communications and the Arts
DP	Discussion paper
DRP	Draft recommendations paper
DVLWS	Domestic Violence Legislation Working Group
Fiji LRC	Fiji Law Reform Commission
FLC	Family Law Council
H of R	House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
HKLRC	Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
HREOC	Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission
ILRC	Irish Law Reform Commission
IP	Issues paper
LCC	Law Commission of Canada
Law Com	Law Commission (UK)
MP	Miscellaneous paper
Namibia LRDC	Namibian Law Reform Development Commission
NSWLRC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission
NTLRC	Northern Territory Law Reform Committee
NZLC	New Zealand Law Commission
Ontario LRC	Ontario Law Reform Commission
PP	Preliminary paper
QCJC	Queensland Criminal Justice Commission
QLCARC	Queensland Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
QLRC	Queensland Law Reform Commission
R	Report
SA	South Australia
SALC	South African Law Commission
SCAG	Standing Committee of Attorneys-General
Scot Law Com	Scottish Law Commission
Sen	Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
SILRC	Solomon Islands Law Reform Commission
VicAGLRAC	Victorian Attorney-General's Law Reform Advisory Council
VLR	Victorian Parliamentary Law Reform Committee
WALRC	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
WIH	Work in hand
WP	Working paper