

## From the Editor...

The theme for *Reform* 79, 'The Challenge of the New Genetics', was inspired by the joint inquiry being conducted by the Australian Law Reform Commission and the Australian Health Ethics Committee.

The focus of this joint inquiry is on the protection of human genetic information, and particularly on issues of ethics, privacy and discrimination. ALRC President Professor David Weisbrot provides a summary of the ALRC/AHEC inquiry in his article beginning on page 5.

Issues such as the use of genetic testing in insurance, examined by Professor Raeburn (page 32); the use of DNA testing in law enforcement, considered by Andrew Haesler (page 27); and genetic counselling, explored by Dr Kristine Barlow-Stewart (page 14), are central to the joint inquiry.

It is important to note, however, that some of the articles in this edition of *Reform* pick up themes that are beyond the terms of reference for the joint inquiry, such as cloning, prenatal testing and gene patenting.

These articles were sought for this issue of *Reform* to provide an indication of the range of issues affected by developments in the 'new genetics'.

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