

open up 'to serious public analysis and discussion the implications of reform and the formidable difficulties of policy which are often involved'. The pamphlet on 'The Future of Marriage' shows how formidable and sensitive these questions are.

■ **handicap law.** In the last issue of *Reform*, mention was made of the introduction of the South Australian Handicapped Persons Equal Opportunities Bill 1981, upon the initiative of SA Attorney-General Trevor Griffin. That Bill is still before the SA Parliament. Meanwhile, on 25 March 1981, the New South Wales Parliament completed passage of extensive amendments to the NSW Antidiscrimination Act 1977. These amendments add a new ground of discrimination 'on the basis of physical impairment'. Discrimination against a handicapped person on the ground of his or her physical impairment becomes unlawful in areas of employment, education, accommodation, registered clubs and the provision of goods and services. New South Wales thus becomes the first Australian State to pass legislation rendering discrimination against handicapped persons unlawful in the main areas of public life. The legislation came into effect on 22 April 1981. President of the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, Mr. Paul Stein, said that he hoped that most problems arising under the legislation could be solved by conciliation. The NSW Anti-Discrimination Board proposes to issue a report, 'Discrimination and Intellectual Handicaps' later in 1981. Meanwhile, the report of the South Australian committee chaired by Sir Charles Bright on the subject of Discrimination and Mental Handicaps has been presented to SA Attorney-General Griffin. The report contains a major review of discrimination against the mentally ill and mentally retarded persons. It proposes numerous legislative and administrative changes.

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what's going on in the LRCs?

Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Insurance Contracts*. Report on agents and brokers under consideration. See [1980] *Reform* 100. On balance of report, work in hand (WIH). See also above, p. 86.
- *Sentencing*. Interim report (ALRC 15) circulating. Awaiting appointment of new Commissioner to replace Professor Chappell.
- *Privacy*. Report being drafted under Professor Robert Hayes.
- *Debt Recovery*. WIH.
- *Standing*. Public hearings throughout Australia completed. WIH. See above, p. 101.
- *Class Actions*. WIH. See above, p. 101.
- *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. Commissioner Debele has concluded public hearings and meetings in all parts of Australia. See above, p. 79.
- *Child Welfare*. WIH. Draft report with printer.
- *Evidence*. Issues paper and DP circulating. Meeting with consultants concluded. Research paper on reform of hearsay and research analysis of differences in Australian State and Territory evidence law circulating.
- *Law Reform Digest*. WIH. Manuscript circulating to Australian LRCs. For discussion at ALRAC conference, Hobart, 1981. See above, p. 75.
- *Law Reform Suggestions*. See [1981] *Reform* 46.

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

- *Legal Profession*. Background Paper IV complementing DP4, is being completed and should be available late July. Drafting continues on further DPs to be released later.
- *Enforcement of Money Judgments*. WIH; co-operation with ALRC.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. WIH; responses to DP being evaluated.

N.T. Law Review Committee (NTLRC)

- *Suitors' Costs Fund*. Report on its establishment is with Attorney.
- *Costs payable to Defendants in Summary Proceedings*. Report & lay draft is with Attorney.
- *Criminal Injuries Compensation*. Work nearing completion.
- *New Rules of the Supreme Court*. WIH.

N.Z. Law Reform Committees

- See [1981] *Reform* 36.

Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission (PNGLRC)

- *Annual Report*. With printers.
- *Corporate Social Responsibility*. OP 15. WIH.
- *Consumer Protection*. WP 15. WIH.

Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC)

- See [1981] *Reform* 69.

South Australia Law Reform Committee (SALRC)

- See [1981] *Reform* 36.

South Australian Criminal Law Reform Committee (SACLRC)

- See [1980] *Reform* 130.

Tasmanian Law Reform Commission (Tas LRC)

- *Wills*. WP by Dr. G. Bates submitted to Commission for circulation.
- *Exclusion Clauses*. Plus applied obligations in contracts for goods and services. Report by Mr. J. Livermore, published by University of Tasmania for wide circulation.
- *Evidence*. Rule in *Hollington v. Hewthorn*. WIH.
- *Rape*. WP by Mrs. C.A. Warner submitted awaiting circulation.
- *Long Terms Contract*. In committee.
- *Compensation for Personal Injuries*. WIH.
- *Small Claims Tribunals*. Preliminary policy recommendations conveyed to Attorney-General.
- *Variations of Charitable Trusts*. WIH.

Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee (VCJLRC)

- *Occupiers' Liability*. WIH.
- *Habeas Corpus Act*. WIH.
- *Limitation of Actions for Personal Injury*. Report submitted to committee, awaiting consideration.
- *Oaths & Affirmations*. Report submitted to committee, awaiting consideration.
- *Supreme Court Act 1958, s.142-159 (Foreign Attachments)*. WIH.
- *Exemptions Clauses in Contracts*. WIH.