

From the Editors' Desk

This issue focuses on Computer Crime. Les Lawrence in his lead article questions whether Computer Crime exists as a separate category of crime requiring special legislation. He provides a useful insight into different types of 'computer crime' and advocates that computer owners should take responsibility for security. This is particularly true with the proliferation of computer networks and communications.

Also included in this issue is a summary of an address to the Victorian Society for Computers & Law given by Gordon Hughes. This paper out-

lines the deficiencies in the criminal law, sets out the computer crime legislation and addresses the implication of cases in Australia.

From Queensland we have an article about the incorporation of a new section into the Criminal Code dealing with unlawful access to computers.

We also have two further articles examining computer crime in the international arena. The first article focuses on the UK Computer Misuse Act while the second examines conclusions drawn from 17 cases in-

volving computer crime in New Zealand.

As you can see, this issue contains all you need to know about computer crime and much more. We hope you find it as interesting as the Editors have.

Don't forget our next issue which will concentrate on EDI and government contracting.

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