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**Left:** Professor David Flint and Ms Phyllis Fong at the ABA's public meeting in Wollongong on 22 February 2002 (photo courtesy the *Illawarra Mercury*).