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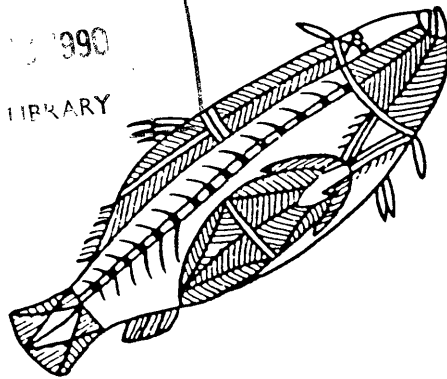
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### FEEDBACK WANTED

Comment is invited on two ideas that may be put before the Aboriginal Law Centre's Management Committee in the near future:

- (1) A 2-3 day national conference on the theme "Summary Jurisdiction and Aboriginal Communities".

Is such a conference potentially useful? Should it focus only on the Australian judicial system or should it also consider community justice mechanisms? Who should participate? Magistrates? Police and police aides? Community leaders? Lawyers? How might the principal themes be defined? Where should it be held? When?

- (2) A suggestion that the Aboriginal Law Centre might establish a "Locums" register of lawyers willing to serve short periods with Aboriginal organizations.

Would such a register be useful? If so, on what sort of occasions? When an organization's own lawyers are on leave? When there is a time lapse before a lawyer can be replaced? When there is a need for temporary help at particularly busy times? When a lawyer is needed for a short term with special skills not normally needed in the organization's usual work?

What are the maximum/minimum periods that such a locum might be useful? What sort of experience might be needed, either in terms of years or expertise?

Please provide any comments to the Director, Aboriginal Law Centre.

## **FILMS**

### **TV Film on Mabo Case**

The screening date for the film "Land Bilong Islanders" has been changed to 9.30pm, Thursday 5 July, ABC TV. (It was previously to have been 21 June).

The Australian distributor for copies of the film is Ronin Films, PO Box 1005, Civic Square, Canberra 2608; Tel: (06) 480851; FAX (06) 491640.

## **CONFERENCES**

**International Conference and VI General Assembly of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, Tromsø, Norway, August 8-12, 1990.**

The above conference will be hosted by the Nordic Sámi Council, and attended by about 150 delegates and observers from Canada, North and South America, the South Pacific, Australia and Europe. The conference will conclude with a 7-day tour of Sámi land.

The theme of the conference is:

"Indigenous future - our Common Future" and issues to be explored include environmental degradation and ongoing UN activities in developing legal standards pertaining to indigenous peoples.

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(to June 30)

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Vith International Symposium of the Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism (Co-sponsored by the University of Ottawa), Law Faculty, University of Ottawa, August 15-18, 1990.

Copies of the draft agenda are available from the Aboriginal Law Centre - phone (02) 697-2256.

***PUBLICATIONS ETC*** (held in Aboriginal Law Centre Library)

**PAPERS**

**Papers from 9th Commonwealth Law Conference, Auckland NZ, April 1990.**

T R Berger, "Reflections on Two North American Inquiries into Indigenous Land Claims".

Sir Kenneth Keith, "Handling and Settling Disputes Arising from the Treaty of Waitangi".

Jane Kelsey, "The Treaty of Waitangi and Maori Independence".

Chief Judge E T Durie, "Treaties and the Common Law as Sources of Rights".

J Williams, "Back to the Future: Maori Survival in the 1990s".

G Nettheim, "Sources of Indigenous Rights: An Australian Perspective".

Graeme Neate, "Indigenous Peoples: Resolution of Claims. The Australian Experience".

Harry S La Forme, "How long will the business be outstanding? Native Land Claims in Canada".

**SA Pitjantjatjara Papers (courtesy of Judge J.W. Lewis, SA District Court and David Hope, S.A.I.T.)**

David Hope, "A Pitjantjatjara Perspective" (May 1977).

Judge J W Lewis, "Some Information and Suggestions about Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in the North-West Aboriginal Reserve, South Australia, Ernabella, Indulkana Reserve and Yalata Mission" (July 1979).

Preliminary Report of the Aboriginal Customary Law Committee (Adelaide, September 1979).

David Hope, "Cupidity, Condescension and Confusion: Elements to be Reconciled in the South Australian Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Debate" (Adelaide, April, 1980).

David Hope, "Aborigines and the Aged" (Adelaide, April 1981).

"Aboriginal Customary Law Committee, North-West Investigations, 2nd - 20th November, 1981".

David Hope, "Contemporary issues in the management of law and order in South Australian Pitjantjatjara communities" (Adelaide, September 1983).

David Hope, "Wardens in the North West" (17 November 1983)

Interim Report of the South Australian Customary Law Committee (Adelaide, April, 1984).

"Children and Authority in the North-West", Report of the South Australian Aboriginal Customary Law Committee (Adelaide, August, 1984).

Books:

Paul Temm QC, *The Waitangi Tribunal. The Conscience of the Nation* (Random Century, Auckland, 1990).

Jane Kelsey, *A Question of Honour? Labour and the Treaty, 1984 - 1989* (Allen & Unwin, Wellington, 1990).

Kayleen Hazlehurst, *Crime prevention for Aboriginal communities*, (Australian Institute of Criminology, 1990). A resource manual which 'outlines steps towards a community-based approach to crime prevention'. Copies available from the Publications Section, Australian Institute of Criminology, GPO Box 2944, Canberra ACT 2601; 88pp, \$10.00.

Journals/Newsletters:

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*Current Affairs Bulletin*, Vol 66, No 10, March 1990.

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The NSW Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee, *Newsletter*, April-May 1990.

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*Human Rights Education: The Fourth R*, Vol 1, no 1, Winter 1990. A publication of Amnesty International USA's national Steering Committee on Human Rights Education and Human Rights Internet Reporter.

*Assembly of First Nations Bulletin*, Volume 7, Number 1, Jan-Feb 1990.

*Human Rights Observer*, Volume III, Number 3, April 1990.

*Parting Company*, Newsletter of People Against RTZ and its subsidiaries, Spring 1990.

*Pacific New Bulletin*, Vol 5, No 4, April 1990 and Vol 5, No 5, May 1990.

Reports/Bibliographies, etc:

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Human Rights Internet Reporter, *Human Rights Directory: Latin America and the Caribbean*, Special Issue, Volume 13, Nos 2 & 3, January 1990.