

- . the Council should be required to observe the requirement of natural justice in discontinuance decisions; and
- . artists should have a right under the AD(JR) Act to request reasons for the Council's decisions if the scheme does not require provision of reasons. The Council's decisions are to be made under the Australia Council Act 1975, although the Scheme sets out the criteria relevant to the Council's statutory powers to make grants.

Lands Acquisition Bill 1988

This Bill was introduced into Parliament on 25 May 1988 and is currently before the Senate. It includes a provision which will give the former owner an option to buy back any land acquired by the Commonwealth which the Commonwealth proposes to resell with little or no improvements. Sale will be at current market value. The Bill includes an amendment making this valuation decision subject to AAT review.

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P E R S O N A L I A

Administrative Review Council

On 13 March 1989 the Attorney-General announced the appointment of two new members of the Council, Justice Alan James Boulton of the Industrial Relations Commission and Mr Christopher Conybeare, a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr P. Brazil resigned as Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department, with effect from 6 March 1989, to take up an appointment as consultant to the private legal firms that are members of the Australian Legal Group. He will continue as a member of the Council. Mr Alan Rose, a former member of the Council, has replaced Mr Brazil as Secretary.

Mr Denis O'Brien resigned as Director of Research as of 17 March 1989 to take up a position with the legal firm of Minter Ellison. The acting Director of Research is Mr Bert Mowbray, previously a principal legal officer in the Litigation Division of the Attorney-General's Department. Mr Mowbray has tertiary qualifications in Law from the Australian National University, and in Rural Science and Agricultural Economics from the University of New England. He has worked in administrative law and constitutional review areas in the Attorney-General's Department, as well as in a number of other departments and authorities.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

On 23 February 1989 Mr David Schulz commenced duty as Principal Registrar of the Tribunal, now operating from its new premises at 294 Adelaide Street, Brisbane. Mr Schulz holds a B. Econ (Hons) degree from the University of Queensland and an LLB from the Australian National University. He was previously employed as the Queensland Regional Director of the Trade Practices Commission. Ms Diane Popple, previously the Listings Officer in the Principal Registry, has been appointed as the District Registrar in Canberra.

Ms Joanna Kalowski was appointed to the Tribunal on 15 December 1988 and was sworn in as a part-time member on 15 February 1989. Ms Kalowski holds a B.A.(Hons) degree from Sydney University and has tertiary teaching qualifications. Her background is in teaching and community work and she is currently Community Relations Coordinator, New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board.

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