

Foreword

Welcome to the third edition of the Canberra Law Review for 2011. I think it is a fantastic reflection on this Law Review that is has attracted enough high quality research for three editions.

This edition contains articles which cover a range of current legal and academic issues and promote thinking about legal history. It is good to see the broader discussion of issues that impact on legal academics, such as the article on journal ranking and the discussion of assessment in law subjects. Both of these will guide legal academics in their decisions on publishing and teaching.

Of topical and local interest is the article on the abolition of judge only trials in the ACT for serious offences. At a Federal level, we have a discussion of the role of the Commonwealth in disaster response and the GST and the sale of residential property's being used for commercial purposes. Internationally, there is an article on corporate governance in China. Finally, we have an historic perspective on copyright law on the origins of the Crown prerogative.

We have also continued the Canberra Corner, which aims to focus on issues relevant to Canberra and the region. In this edition, Shane Rattenbury MLA, the ACT Greens Attorney General spokesperson, discusses sentencing laws in the ACT, in particular the need for a review of these laws.

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