

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this general edition of the *Indigenous Law Bulletin* ('ILB'), the second for the year and my first as Editor. I am very proud to be able to put my name to this publication and to have the opportunity to bring you all quality and accessible commentary on the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the law. In this edition you will find articles that touch on a diverse set of issues, ranging from self-determination to the integration of remote Indigenous players into the AFL.

We open this edition with an article written by Peter Dodd on the recent NSW Inquest into the death of Mark Holcroft. The Inquest resulted in significant recommendations from the Coroner about the transportation of prisoners. Peter provides us with an insightful commentary on the recommendations made by the Coroner and the process of their implementation.

Greg Marks writes for us on the land reform measures that form part of the Stronger Futures Legislation (which replaces 'the Intervention'). Specifically, Greg focuses on the potential of this legislation to marginalise the Aboriginal owners of Community Living Areas.

Eddie Cubillo has contributed an interesting piece he first drafted in July 2011, on the integration of non-mainstream recruits, especially those from remote Indigenous communities, into the AFL. In his article, Eddie questions whether the current AFL recruitment and player welfare system leads to discrimination against Indigenous players, and if so, what steps can be taken to close the gap.

Diane Austin-Broos writes for us on the relationship between self-determination and the economy. Diane argues that self-determination can never be simply a matter of identity politics, law and cultural rights, that it has always required, in addition, a successful Aboriginal engagement with Australia's economy.

In an article on Indigenous rights to water, Katie O'Bryan reviews Victoria's legislative implementation of the National Water Initiative ('NWI'). In her article Katie argues that there has been minimal, if any, legislative implementation of the NWI with regard to Indigenous rights to water despite the Victorian Government's assertions to the contrary.

Finally, we have a case note written by Ryan Harvey (*Lawson v Dunlevy* [2012] NSWSC 48) on the lawfulness of alcohol bail conditions.

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of the ILB. Many thanks must go to Farzana Choudhury, Alexandra Lillis and Hadeel Al-Alosi (current ILB interns) for their hard work and invaluable contribution to the publication of this edition.

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