
EDITOR'S NOTE

I am pleased to present Volume 17 of the *University of Western Sydney Law Review*.

This edition presents some wide ranging legal concerns and demonstrates the breadth of contemporary legal debate. I am pleased that the *University of Western Sydney Law Review* includes pieces by serving Judges as well as legal academics and legal practitioners, representing the concerns and interests of the legal community. This edition includes an occasional address by the Hon Justice T.F. Bathurst on how the practice of law has changed over the last forty years. We are also fortunate to be able to publish the 2013 Whitlam Institute and University of Western Sydney Law Address given by Professor George Williams, presenting the case for Aboriginal Peoples to be recognised in the Australian Constitution. The scholarly articles address: how the newly enacted *Evidence Amendment (Evidence of Silence) Act 2013 (NSW)* impact on the right to silence; the challenges to human rights and privacy posed by the increasing use of DNA databases; and how the law of war can incorporate the activities of transnational organized crime. As well, the Law Review contains case notes on two recently decided cases.

This edition was made possible through the hard work, co-operation and collegial spirit of the editorial committee and the student editors. The editorial committee and student editors embraced the task with enthusiasm and determination to produce what we believe to be a quality publication. Such standards could only be achieved through the dedication of all those involved in the editorial process.

In 2013 the *University of Western Sydney Law Review* was fortunate to be able to attract high quality submissions from academics covering a diverse range of topics. We wish to thank the academics from around Australia and abroad who generously gave of their time to double blind peer review the articles contained herein.

I also wish to thank the contributors for their articles, case notes and commentaries, and for helping to make this edition of the *University of Western Sydney Law Review* a publication that continues to contribute to vibrant legal discussion.

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