

ment. Her background in social development and her knowledge of the political process will be of great value to the Commission. Ms Richards is a solicitor with Slater & Gordon. She has extensive litigation experience and comes to the Commission with a wide background in community legal issues. Prior to joining Slater & Gordon, Ms Richards was the Executive Officer of the Federation of Community Legal Centres. She developed a strong profile in that position, as an advocate for citizens' rights and civil justice. Mr Paton is a partner in the national firm of Sly & Weigall. He is a former President of the Law Institute of Victoria and continues as a General Council Member of the Institute. Mr Paton is also a member of the Victoria Law Foundation. His appointment will strengthen the existing close links between the Commission and the Law Institute. Mr Richter was admitted to the Bar in 1971 and appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1985. His primary area of practice has been in the criminal law area, and has included prosecution work in taxation law for the Commonwealth. The Commission has developed particular expertise in the area of reform of the criminal law, and Mr Richter's appointment further enhances that strength. There have also been changes in the staffing of the Commission. Bronwyn Naylor, who was working part-time for the Commission whilst holding a tutoring position at Monash, has been appointed to a law lectureship at that institution. Robert Smith has left the Commission to become solicitor to the Alpine Resorts Commission, and part-time firefighter on its behalf.

Victorian and Constitutional Committee

The membership of the VLCC following the Victorian State elections is: Chairman, the Hon DM Evans MLC; Deputy Chairman, the Hon Joan Coxsedg, MLC; members: Mr KS Jasper, MP; Hon WA Landeryou, MLC; Mr DJ Lea, MP; Hon RJ Long, MLC; Hon Jean McLean, MLC; Mr VJ Perton, MP; Hon GA Sgro, MLC; Mr ER Smith, MP; Mr KJ Thomson, MP; Hon Pauline Toner, MP. Ms Kirsty McIntyre, a Re-

search Officer with the Committee, has recently resigned.

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- Report on Grouped Proceedings in the Federal Court, 1988, No46.

NSWLRC

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VLCC

- Thirteenth Report on Subordinate Legislation concerning *Police Gaols Regulations 1988* (SR No73/1988) and *Correction (Firearms Amendment) Regulations 1988* (SR No292/1988).
- Fourteenth Report to Parliament on Subordinate Legislation concerning *M.M.B.W By-Law No250: Trade Waste* (SR No285/1988).
- Fourth Report to Parliament on the Operation of Section 32 of the *Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984* concerning *Place Names Committee (Members' Fees and Travelling Allowances) Regulations 1988* (SR 251/1988).

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RCCL

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NZLC

- Report on Limitation Defences in Civil Proceedings, 1988, No6.
- Preliminary Paper on Arbitration, 1988, PP7.

South Africa

SALC

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Tanzania

TLRC

- Tanzania Law Reform Bulletin Vol1(1), 1987.

United Kingdom

Law Com

- Report on Family, Review of Child Law, Guardianship and Custody, 1988, No172.
- Report on Property: Fourth Report on Land Registration, 1988, No173.
- Working Paper on Distribution of Intestacy, 1988, WP108.
- Working Paper on Transfer of Land: Passing of Risk from Vendor to Purchaser, 1988, WP109.
- Working Paper on Computer Misuse, 1988, WP110.
- Working Paper on Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, 1988, WP111.

Scot Law Com

- Twenty-Third Annual Report 1987-88, 1988, No.114.
- Discussion Paper on Criminal Evidence: Affidavit Evidence. Hearsay and Related Matters in Criminal Proceedings, 1988, DP77.

United States

California LRC

- Tentative Recommendation relating to 120-Hour Survival to take by Intestacy, 1988.
- Tentative Recommendation relating to Commercial Real Property Leases: Assignment and Sublease, 1988.
- Tentative Recommendation relating to Compensation of Estate Attorney and Personal Representative, 1988.
- Tentative Recommendation relating to Multiple-Party Accounts in Financial Institutions, 1988.
- Tentative Recommendation relating to Probate Law and Procedure: Notice to Creditors, 1988.
- Tentative Recommendation relating to Trustees' Fees, 1988.

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Australian Law Reform Commission

ALRC

- *Admiralty*. Work in hand (WIH) on report on the Criminal Admiralty Jurisdiction.
- *Class Actions*. Report on Grouped Proceedings in the Federal Court tabled in Parliament 13 December, 1988.
- *Community Law Reform*.
 - *Enduring Powers of Attorney*. Report will be tabled early in the Autumn session.
 - *Pre-Judgment Interest on Damages*. WIH
 - *Informed consent* WIH
 - *Guardianship and Management of Property*. WIH
 - *Children's Evidence*. WIH (see *odds and ends* section of *Reform*)
- *Choice of Laws*. WIH (see *odds and ends* section of *Reform*)

- *Customs*. Papers on the offshore applications of the Act (with draft provisions) and cargo control will be released early in 1989. WIH on draft provisions on administration and passenger processing.
- *Insolvency*. Report on General Insolvency Inquiry tabled 13 December, 1988.
- *Product Liability*. WIH on RP's due for release in early 1989. Commissioner Goldring is visiting North America and the UK holding talks with interest groups.

New South Wales Law Reform Commission NSWLRC

- *Criminal Procedure*.
 - *Procedure before Trial*. WIH.
 - *Codification and Classification*. WIH.
 - *Appeals in Criminal Cases*. WIH.
 - *Police Powers of Detention and Questioning*. Report nearing completion.
 - *Contempt of Court*. WIH.
 - *Sentencing*. WIH.
- *Artificial Conception*.
 - *Surrogate Motherhood*. Report completed.
- *Registration and Certification of Births and Deaths*. Report completed.
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution*. IP prepared.
- *Sale of Goods*. WIH.
- *Co-operative Law Reform*. WIH.
- *Informed Consent to Medical Treatment*. Draft report under consideration.
- *Assurance Fund*. IP completed.
- *Community Law Reform Program*.
 - *Contribution between Persons liable for the same Damage*. WIH
 - *Dog Act*. Report released.