



# NOTICES

## PUBLICATIONS

### Child Care

The Australian Law Reform Commission has released its Review of Child Care, *Child Care for Kids* (ALRC 70), which sets out the Commission's recommendations about the Children's Services Program following the 439 submissions to its October 1993 Discussion Paper. *Contact:* Jenni Ballantyne, tel (02) 284 6346.

### Litigation Costs Rules

The ALRC has also published an issues paper, *Who Should Pay?* reviewing litigation costs rules in courts and tribunals exercising federal jurisdiction. Copies are available free by calling (02) 284-6325. Oral and written submissions are sought by 17 March 1995.

*Contact:* Philip Kellow on (02) 284 6314.

### Report on contact between young people and the police in NSW

The Youth Justice Coalition (NSW) (YJC) and the Youth Action and Policy Association recently released *Nobody*

*Listens*, a report on young people's experiences of contact with the police in New South Wales. The report is consistent with previous research from other parts of Australia which suggests that for many young people, contact with police is often characterised by violence, harassment, assault and sexual assault. Reports of differential policing of young people are confirmed by *Nobody Listens*, which found that groups of young people from other than English speaking backgrounds have particularly stressful dealings with police. Young Asian women, in particular, reported constant subjection to invasive strip searches.

The report also investigated young people's understanding, use of and access to formal complaint mechanisms such as the Ombudsman's Office and found that few young people utilise official mechanisms. *Nobody Listens* recommends improved mechanisms for accountability of police, the establishment of a Children's Ombudsman, a comprehensive program of legal advocacy for young people and the introduction of a Youth Liaison Officer into every police patrol in New South Wales.

*Nobody Listens* is now available at \$5.00 from:

Youth Action and Policy Association  
4th Floor  
8/24 Kippax Street  
SURRY HILLS NSW 2010  
tel: (02) 281 2344  
fax: (02) 281 1597.

### Australian Bill of Rights

The Centre for International Public Law at the ANU and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has recently published *Towards an Australian Bill of Rights*, edited by Philip Alston and including contributions by Hilary Charlesworth, Jenny Morgan, Elizabeth Evatt and Sir Gerard Brennan. Price: \$19.95 (and \$2 postage).

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## PUBLIC INTEREST CLEARING HOUSE QUEENSLAND INC.

PILCHQ, a partnership of community legal centres, private law firms and the Queensland Law Society, began in September 1994. It is an assessment and referral service for major Queensland firms who wish to do *pro bono* work. PILCHQ assesses each matter and refers those which falls within its guidelines to participating law firms who act for free or for a reduced fee.

The issue must be a legal matter of public interest which means it must:

- affect a significant number of people, not just an individual;
- raise matters of broad public concern; or
- impact on disadvantaged or marginalised groups.

Referrals to PILCHQ must be made through a community legal centre.

Contact: Lex Weddell, Administrator  
tel (07) 229 8749 fax: (07) 229 8750.

## WOMEN'S JUSTICE STRATEGY IN VICTORIA

The Project for Legal Action Against Sexual Assault launched the *Women's Justice Strategy* on 7 December 1994. The strategy incorporates a Justice Outreach Service, a pilot project involving five experienced women solicitors who will provide legal information about crimes compensation, discrimination complaints mechanisms and other civil remedies for women subjected to sexual assault, and a booklet on crimes compensation in 14 community languages.

Contact: (03) 416 1518.

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### New Australian Human Rights Journal

On 14 December 1994 the *Australian Journal of Human Rights* was launched by Justice Elizabeth Evatt in Sydney. Justice Evatt is a patron of the journal together with Professor Philip Alston and Father Frank Brennan. The journal will be published annually by the Human Rights Centre at the University of New South Wales. It is the first journal of its kind in Australia to be exclusively devoted to the publication of articles, commentary and book reviews about human rights developments in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

## CONFERENCES

**International Association of Forensic Linguists: Second Annual Conference**  
Papers are invited on Legal Language and Power, Legal Interpreting, Admissibility of Expert Evidence, Contested Authorship, Language of Legal Documents. Abstracts due 3 February 1995.

Date: 9-12 July 1995.

Venue: University of New England, Armidale, NSW.

Contact: Diana Eades, tel: (067) 73 3185; fax: (067) 73 3735.

### Australian Rights Congress

Presented by the Law Council of Australia, the Australian Law Reform Commission, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, the Australian Youth Foundation and the Australian National University. Speakers include Brian Burdekin, Rodney Croome, Mick Dodson, Elizabeth Hastings.

Date: 16-18 February 1995

Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

Contact: John Mulready

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### Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law

15th Annual Conference

Date: 7-9 April 1995

Venue: Melbourne

Contact: Ian Freckleton, tel: (03) 608 7666; fax: (03) 608 8450.

### Criminal Lawyers' Association of the Northern Territory 1995 Conference

Date: 26-30 June 1995

Venue: Bali

Contact: Convention Catalysts

tel: (089) 81 1875; fax: (089) 41 1639.

The first issue of the journal will contain a major symposium on racial vilification laws. It will also contain articles about judicial review as a mechanism for ensuring compliance with individual human rights, Aboriginal land rights, sentencing of political offenders, genocide, the right to a prompt trial and debt reduction programs. Contributors will include the Chief Justice of Australia, Sir Anthony Mason, and Justice Michael Kirby.

Enquiries about subscriptions and contributing to the journal should be directed to the editors: David Sonter, tel (02) 353 4683 or Andrew Naylor, tel (02) 284 6305.

### Just Policy

On 30 November 1994 the Victorian Council of Social Service launched *Just Policy*, a new quarterly journal of contemporary social policy research, analysis and commentary. Members of the Editorial Board are drawn from practitioners in the social and community

services field and academics in social policy and related areas.

Contact: Letizia Mondello, VCOSS  
tel (03) 419 3555.

### People with an Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System

The NSW Law Reform Commission released a discussion paper in October 1994 on courts and sentencing issues in the context of intellectually disabled defendants in the criminal justice system.

Submissions are invited by telephone: (02) 252 3855 or in writing to:

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