



MENTIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Ombudsman (Victoria) Annual Report 1997

The Legal Ombudsman Office was established in Victoria on 1 January 1997 as an independent and impartial investigator of complaints against both barristers and solicitors. Key achievements in the first six months are listed in the first annual report and include the establishment of a computer case management system, putting in place complaints procedures and the receipt of some 1500 inquiries by members of the public. The Legal Ombudsman has also been active in presenting lectures, seminars and informal talks to members of the public. The Legal Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on tel 03 9642 0655 or toll free 1800 357 772.

Getting Government to Listen

Getting Government to Listen is a practical manual that explains the legal avenues open to individuals who are seeking to remedy violations of their human rights in the international arena. Although the guide is written primarily for Indigenous Australians, it also has application to many other groups. *Getting Government to Listen* helps people to identify, contact and lobby the most appropriate people in the United Nations and other international legal processes.

Getting Government to Listen recognises that by using international law and the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations it may be possible to influence the Australian Government to implement its human rights commitments more effectively.

The guide can be purchased for \$20 from the Australian Youth Foundation. Contact: tel 02 9357 2344 fax 02 9358 5635.

Disability Discrimination Legal Resource Material

The Disability Discrimination Resource Material consists of a facilitator's guide and student workbook covering two modules of disability discrimination law. The resources have been designed for Indigenous legal and paralegal workers who are undertaking

studies as part of the National Indigenous Legal Studies Curriculum. The NILSC was developed in response to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. The resources have also been developed for students undertaking studies in health, welfare or childcare, and people working in Indigenous legal, health or welfare organisations.

Contact: Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
tel 02 9284 9600
toll free 1800 021 199

Civics and Citizen Education Kit

This kit is aimed at year 9 and 10 students. It provides practical classroom resources for those learning about civic life and how to participate in it. Initiated and funded by the Victoria Law Foundation, the kit was written and developed by National Curriculum Services in consultation with teachers and lawyers.

'Young People and Work' and 'Girls' Rights at Work'

Two recent publications from Job Watch in Melbourne. *Young People and Work* covers among other things: good and bad job ads, employment contracts, unpaid trial work, superannuation, payment issues, discrimination, health and safety, unlawful dismissal, where to go for help. *Girls' Rights at Work* covers looking for work, recruitment traps, when things go wrong, ending work — all specifically for young women. *Young People and Work* (\$15 plus \$3.50 postage) and *Girls' Rights at Work* (\$10 plus \$1.50 postage). Contact: tel 03 9662 9458

REPORTS

'Seen and Heard: Priority for Children in the Legal Process'

This report, the result of two years of research and consultation by the Australian Law Reform Commission and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, was tabled in Parliament on 19 November 1997.

The Commissions detail significant failings in the legal system, departments and agencies responsible for assisting

children and provide extensive evidence of the problems and neglect of children who come into contact with federal and State legal processes. Key recommendations include: a national children's summit of heads of all Australian Governments to be held as a matter of urgency; the establishment of a special national taskforce on children; and the creation of a Federal Office for Children to advise on and co-ordinate national policy and programs.

ALRC tel 02 9284 6333

CONFERENCES

Empires/Colonies/Legal Cultures Conference

The Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society has issued a call for papers for its 18th annual meeting. The ANZLHS is an interdisciplinary group of scholars interested in the connections to be made between history and law. The conference will examine the practices of imperial colonies throughout the world, and will touch on such issues as republicanism, multiculturalism, gender equity and Aboriginal reconciliation.

Date: 3-5 July 1998

Venue: Melbourne

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Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law 18th Annual Congress

Date: 16-19 April 1998

Venue: Sheraton Vista Hotel, Melbourne

Keynote speaker: Prof. Nikolas Rose, Goldsmiths College, University of London

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