

From the Editor...

The Australian Law Reform Commission has recently changed the way it presents itself to the community, unveiling a new logo and redesigning the covers of its reports. *Reform*, too, soon will undergo a change, with a decision to increase the focus of its clearinghouse function.

Each edition of *Reform* will still contain articles on a theme, which will alternate between issues related to current events (such as this edition of 'federalism and regionalism') and issues under examination by various law reform agencies.

While *Reform* has always provided the opportunity for permanent law reform agencies to contribute through its 'Clearinghouse' and 'Reform Roundup' sections, we hope this new format will help to promote the work of law reformers in a wider range of organisations, institutions and commissions.

We hope to start implementing these changes in the October 2001 *Reform*. In the meantime, please enjoy this edition on 'federalism and regionalism'.

With Australia celebrating its centenary of federation, there is certainly a wealth of available material discussing various aspects of federation. This *Reform* looks at the representation of the Australian people within our federal structure.

The articles discuss the roles of the various institutions – the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the High Court – and issues such as state rights, and law reform within the federation.

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