

PREFACE

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It is a privilege to introduce this issue of the Law Review.

An Australian commentator is recently reported as having criticised law reviews which, he is quoted as saying:

have become the public face of an unpleasant and inappropriate form of academic life that degrades scholars, wastes valuable time and money and devalues the importance of good teaching and collegiality in law schools.

Perhaps the author of those observations is not familiar with the Victoria University of Wellington Law Review, a publication which is an answer to his concerns.

The present issue explores an impressive range of topics. The thoroughness of research and the quality of thought and writing have produced articles of a high standard which are a credit to the authors and to the law school whose senior students they are.

The co-operation of Faculty and students which has produced this issue marks in a fitting way the 50th anniversary of the Review.