

FOREWORD

The University of New South Wales Law Journal has been published by students of the University of New South Wales Law School since 1975 and in that time has gained for itself a respected position among legal periodicals in Australia. At the same time, the Law School has continued to grow and is this year celebrating its tenth anniversary.

The Editorial Board feels it is important that the Journal continues to expand to reflect the growing reputation of the Law School. To this end, it has been decided that two issues of the Journal are to be published each year. One is to contain articles which focus upon a chosen theme and the other upon articles of general legal interest.

The principal reason for the adoption of this format was our belief that a thematic issue would constitute a worthwhile innovation in legal scholarship. While the thematic issue is to be essentially a legal journal, we have attempted to produce a publication which is cross-disciplinary, both in approach and in appeal. Accordingly, the current issue contains articles written by non-lawyers and is likely to be of interest to the lay-person. We were also keenly aware of the marked similarities among law journals produced in Australia, particularly in universities, and felt that it was necessary to produce a journal which differed from those presently available.

We determined that the topic for the first thematic issue would be one which represented a current concern both in the legal profession and in society at large. The recent introduction of the Land and Environment Court, accompanied by legislative changes concerning environmental planning and control, while of interest and relevance to lawyers, is also a matter of vital concern to the community generally. The changes reflect the growing awareness of both the need to actively protect our environment and the role which the public has to play in that process. More particularly, incidents such as the controversy surrounding the development of Parramatta Park, Sydney, have raised important questions concerning the role of the law in dealing with environmental decisions and disputes.

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IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE THEME OF THE 1982
SPECIAL ISSUE WILL BE REGULATION OF
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.