

# FOREWORD

Overseas, the past year of 2017 has reflected ongoing local armed conflicts, and challenging environmental and economic conditions leading to significant migration to other countries, by political refugees and economic immigrants. The implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change mitigation remains problematic and various articles in this issue of the journal assess the challenges.

The lead article by Professor Alexander Gillespie examines the development of best international practice and the New Zealand experience in the formation of scientific advice to support robust policy decisions. In the second article, Luis Fuentes Godoy traces the historical struggle for environmental domination by states up to the Stockholm Conference in 1972, and assesses the evolving tensions between anthropocentrism and ecocentrism. The article by Matthew Hill analyses the Paris Agreement of 2015 and the focus on the differentiated approach by countries which respects sovereignty, harmonisation and non-regression. On the same subject, Luke Elborough assesses international climate change litigation, and the scope for WTO adjudication and arbitration. The article by Mark Bracey provides an in-depth examination of the New Zealand emissions trading scheme and its present status and merits. The recognition of food security as an environmental responsibility is the subject of the article by Julia Maskill. Placed in the context of the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region, the article considers the powers under the Resource Management Act in respect of promotion of food security. Issues include urban expansion and affordable housing. Fisheries are internationally important in the provision of food. The article by William Hulme-Moir considers the quota system of fisheries management in New Zealand, and options for adaptive management under the Fisheries Act. Within the New Zealand jurisdiction, the article by David Round considers the responsibilities of the Department of Conservation in respect of the significant growth in international tourism visitors, and the need for new policies to mitigate the impact. Lastly, a book by Professor Benjamin Richardson on the relationship between time and environmental law is the subject of a review by Anastasia Telesetsky.

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