



A Note from the Editors

It is with great pleasure that we present this special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Industrial Relations*. It further celebrates the highly successful 2002 Conference of the Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and New Zealand (AIRAANZ) held in Queenstown, New Zealand in early February.

The Conference, AIRAANZ's sixteenth, brought together over 100 industrial and employment relations scholars, predominantly from Australia and New Zealand, but also from as far away as Britain, the Netherlands, Canada, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

We have gathered here a selection of papers adapted by the authors from what we, the Editors of the *NZJIR*, believe to have been the best papers presented at the Conference. We congratulate each of the authors on their selection for this special issue.

The keynote speaker for the Conference was the New Zealand Minister of Women's Affairs and Associate Minister of Labour, the Honourable Laila Harré. Her address was enthusiastically received by the Conference, and we are pleased to reproduce it here as a part of this special issue.

The full proceedings of the Queenstown conference can be viewed at the AIRAANZ website at <http://www.mngt.waikato.ac.nz/depts/sml/airaanz/airaanz.htm>. A limited number of hard copies of the full proceedings are available through the *NZJIR* Editors.

Details of the upcoming 17th AIRAANZ Conference (Melbourne, February 2003) and 18th AIRAANZ Conference (Brisbane, February 2004) will also be posted on the website in due course.

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