

## FOREWORD

I have been privileged to be shown some of the articles and comments proposed to be published in the Otago Law Review. I wish to congratulate the Otago University Law Students' Association and particularly those young gentlemen, both recent graduates and undergraduates, associated with its publication on the quality and standard of the Review.

Most Law Faculties and Law Schools in English speaking countries these days endeavour to produce a law review. The publication of such review in many cases is a distinction to the faculty or school producing it and also of considerable benefit, both before and after graduation, to the students concerned.

In a century of rapid and far-reaching social and economic change it is the duty of the law to keep up with such changes. There is frequently talk today of law revision and law reform. It is to the young men who are already members of the profession, or will shortly become so, that in the next twenty years this important professional task will fall. Some of them will become leaders at the Bar and ultimately judicial officers, others will enter the field of academic law at the Universities, but a large majority as barristers and solicitors will be dealing directly with the public. To them will fall the task of interpreting and presenting the law to the citizens of the nineteen-seventies and the nineteen-eighties, and at the same time they will have the further difficult task of retaining a respect and regard for the clarity and certainty of the law. Hence the importance of the critical mind and incisive thought as indicated in this Review.

For such reasons alone I commend this publication to all members of the Otago District Law Society, and urge their active support of same.

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