

FOREWORD

I am grateful for the opportunity to provide a brief foreword to this special issue of the Victoria University Law Review.

It is pleasing to note the advances in the teaching of criminology in New Zealand over the past few years with facilities being offered first at Auckland University and later at Victoria University of Wellington. Both statutory and voluntary organisations working in the field of crime and treatment of offenders will, I am sure, make increasing use of these facilities. In a wider sphere a further significant development was the formation in 1967 of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. New Zealand membership of this Society is regrettably meagre at present and I trust that this state of affairs will not be allowed to continue.

The interest and involvement of the University in problems of offending and treatment of offenders are most welcome. The social background to crime, preventive measures, detection, trial procedures and the treatment of offenders are matters for continuous informed discussion by every sector of society. In this symposium the sociology and the treatment of some areas of offending are described and discussed.

I hope this is the beginning of many such informative and critical studies.

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