

FOREWORD

As New Zealand's newest law school reaches the end of its third year of operation and looks forward to honouring its first graduates in February 1994, it is appropriate to mark its coming of age with the first issue of this, the *Waikato Law Review*.

Such a publication was but a distant dream for the small group of University and Law Society representatives who met together from early in 1987 to prepare the case for the establishment of the country's fifth law school.

The Waikato Law School has had to surmount difficulties that could not have been foreseen when its establishment was first announced in October 1989. It has done that and it is now well and truly embedded into the University of Waikato and into the national educational scene.

The University has been fortunate in the calibre of the staff it has been able to recruit and delighted with the performance of its students.

Waikato Law School staff and students will play an increasingly prominent role in New Zealand and this publication will, I am sure, take its place as an important contribution to New Zealand's legal literature.

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