

Secret surveillance to expand – independent monitor abolished

The government will repeal the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 and abolish the job of the monitor, Bret Walker SC.

Walker was appointed the first monitor on 21 April 2011. He has published three annual reports, tabled in parliament on 16 December 2011, 20 December 2012 and 7 December 2013, and will publish another report before his term expires on 20 April 2014.

The government believes a plethora of review bodies – Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS), Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI), the joint parliamentary committees on law enforcement and intelligence and security, and the parliament itself, as well as the executive also having the power to appoint ad hoc reviews – is a substitute for a truly “independent” position.

But all these bodies act as if someone else is doing the required close scrutiny job, so no-one is doing it. All of them are part of the day-to-day intelligence establishment: none of them brings an external, independent critical eye to the task: under them, Australian surveillance of citizens has descended to the ‘Big Brother’ levels described by whistleblower Edward Snowden.

See *INSLM is wrong target*: <http://tinyurl.com/lhvnspsb>

Bigots of the world, re-write!

Civil Liberties Australia’s position on the Clause 18c, or “bigotry” legislation, is to support free speech, with safeguards and rights added.

The safeguards will come in the final wording of the new clause 18c – Attorney-General George Brandis has proposed a set of words, but they will not even survive his party room, according to soundings at Parliament House taken by CLA last month. The draft words will be re-written.

CLA will make a submission to parliament on the wording this month, after following the public debate right up until the submission deadline. Currently we are debating the wording internally, and communicating with key MPs to see what is achievable by harnessing people of good will on all sides of the parliament.

The rights will come with the right of reply, in similar outlet, prominence and size, which we think should be included in legislation where needed to enable to a realistic free speech response capability for ordinary people to comments like those of Andrew Bolt, which originally stirred the controversy, in the media.

If you wish to see the position we took on the Bolt case, please see here: <http://tinyurl.com/mqek532>

What the AG says:



“We want the level of public discussion, we want the tone of our society to be elevated and made better. But our government, as a Liberal government, does not believe you do that best by censorship. We believe that censorship is the worst possible way to go about that.”

Offend, insult, humiliate are gone, but intimidate stays. “To intimidate a person is to cause them to be fearful. Intimidation is not an aspect of legitimate public discussion, no matter how robust that discussion is.”

“...the chill effect on public discussion is one of the most insidious consequences of legislation that inhibits freedom of speech.”

– Senator Brandis, 25 March media conference

What a commentator says:

“His legally correct yet politically insane observation, that people have a right to be bigots, was an horrendous own-goal,” Mark Kenny commented on Fairfax online. <http://tinyurl.com/mvzj9k5>

Electronic AGM final: report on website

Civil Liberties Australia Inc’s electronic Annual General Meeting for 2014 has concluded, with a 56% ‘turnout’ overall.

This is slight decrease on the 2013 vote of 58%.

This year did not require the election of Board members and only involved the voting on the annual reports. No Notice of Motions was received for consideration at the eAGM. We also received very many favorable comments on CLA’s work during the year...and a few suggesting change and improvement.

For the full report: <http://tinyurl.com/kmftq93>

Court reins in Australia’s raid on lawyers

The International Court of Justice order for Australia to stop spying on Timor Leste and its legal advisers is a major admonition to the cavalier behaviour of Attorney-General George Brandis.

The binding decision of the UN’s top court comes in relation to a vitriolic dispute between the two countries over \$40 billion of oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea.

“Australia shall not interfere in any way in communications between Timor Leste and its legal advisers.” the court ruled last month. As well, the court required the Australian government to seal documents and data seized in an ASIO raid in December 2013.

The AG, also known as General George, authorised the ASIO raid on East Timor’s Australian lawyer Bernard Collaery’s Canberra office, where about a dozen agents swooped and took away vast quantities of material, including legal documents, electronic files and a statement by a former ASIO agent alleging an eavesdropping operation on TL by Australia.

TL believes the recent ASIO raid was part of a massive espionage campaign against it by Australia over many years in relation to the treaty between the two countries over Timor Sea oil reserves. TL wants the agreement declared invalid by an international arbitration tribunal in the Hague because it was not negotiated in good faith.

The former ASIS agent alleges that Australia bugged TL’s government offices during treaty negotiations. The man was also targeted by an ASIO raid in December and had his passport seized, preventing him from going to the Hague. <http://tinyurl.com/m2kubv8>

TPP treaty: governments again fail to agree

Twelve governments failed to complete negotiations to conclude the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement in Singapore in late February.

There are still differences on medicine patents, Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), labour rights and environmental

standards. These will be negotiated in the light of market access offers on goods and agriculture. But a major obstacle is the rift between the US and Japan on market access issues, including agricultural products and motor vehicles.



Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (Greens Tas) speaks to the Feb 2014 CLA rally on the TPP, watched by Senator Scott Ludlam (Greens WA) and CLA's Vic Stevens holding the banner.

The Australian government is prepared to include ISDS (investor rights to sue) as a trade-off for access to US and Japanese agricultural markets. Trade Minister Andrew Robb said that his government is "prepared to consider [ISDS] in the context of TPP provided there is a substantial market access result and other conditions were met."

Under the previous Labor government, Australia had been the only country in the negotiations to refuse ISDS provisions altogether. "Any trade off to include ISDS in the TPP is unacceptable as it would undermine our democracy and sovereignty," AFTINET said.

Meanwhile, the US is still unable to guarantee that any TPP deal will pass the US Congress, with continued opposition by senior US Democrat and Republican Congress members to "fast tracking" approval. This means that Congress is refusing to give up its ability to amend the text of the agreement. – source: AFTINET bulletin March 2014.

NT's AG tries new ways to protect children

AG John Elferink has announced a new approach to child protection in the NT.

The number of children in care in the NT has doubled in the past five years to 834 currently. The changes the NT government will make include:

- creating a whole of government approach by working closely with key agencies;
- engaging more fully with families from first contact with the child protection system;
- Introducing Enduring Parental Responsibility Orders that will allow a child's carer to have parental responsibility: however unlike adoption, legal parental rights will not transfer;
- modernising the Adoption Act to remove an upper age limit for adoption applicants, and recognising de facto relationships;
- redirecting funding to focus on the core delivery of child protection services;
- increasing collaboration with services in remote communities to capitalise on existing programs and relationships, and

- providing greater support and training for frontline employees.

"The changes will result in a more modern child protection system that will directly meet the needs of children in high-risk situations," Mr Elferink said. "It is disturbing that the NT has the highest rates of child abuse in the country and is tracking to have more than 12,000 child protection reports from concerned community members this financial year."

Spooks, police want even more secret access

Intelligence and police agencies are turning reality on its head: they claim the Snowden leaks prove authorities need more laws forcing Australian telecommunications companies to store customers' data.

Some agencies want everything you say on the phone, and do on the internet, stored for two years, according to their papers to a parliamentary inquiry into potential changes to telecommunications laws

ASIO, NT Police, Victoria Police, Australian Federal Police, Australian Crime Commission and Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity all support a data-retention regime. Although storing "content" data is ruled out under a retention scheme, the NT Police and Victoria Police want web-browsing histories stored, *Fairfax* has reported.

ASIO is arguing that the more people encrypt their web communications after revelations made by US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden about widespread data collection programs by governments, the more agencies need greater surveillance powers.

In other words, because of Snowden, who revealed how the spooks and police cheated, there's a hastened need to force providers to keep all customers' "metadata" for a prescribed period, ASIO says.

Metadata stored about a phone call could include the parties to the call, location, duration and time of the call, but not what was said. Metadata stored about an internet activity could include your assigned IP address and the IP addresses of web servers you visit, or uniform resource locators (URLs) you visit and the time they were visited, while email metadata might include addresses, times, and the subject.

In the Sue Neill-Fraser murder case in Tasmania in 2009, metadata was wrongly used by police to claim she had accessed a particular website for nefarious reasons: only after she was convicted and jailed was it revealed it had been her daughter accessing the site, using her mother's computer...looking up information to help a young child cope with the death of a grandparent! Neill-Fraser is still, wrongly, in jail with 18 ½ years to serve.

Secret and non-secret agencies in Australia accessed metadata 330,640 times during criminal and financial investigations in 2012-13. Access to such data, if it is currently stored by a provider, is able to be retrieved by many state and federal agencies, local councils, as well as the RSPCA, Australia Post and the Tax Office, without a warrant. <http://tinyurl.com/omqpfnl>

AG George Brandis wants a doomsday book

During Senate Estimates, Attorney-General George Brandis outlined in a little more detail his thinking behind a major brief to the Australian Law Reform Commission (see CLArion, January 2014, p2).

"The purpose of this reference is to identify, within the corpus of Australia's acts of parliament, all of the provisions that in one way or another constitute erosions or reversals of

traditional rights and liberties like reverse onuses of proof and so on,” AG Brandis said.

“There is no resource that tells us where we find the extent of such erosions of traditional liberties in our statute law. So, when I had (a) meeting (with) Professor Croucher, I did emphasise to her that what I want this task to be is primarily an audit. It is quite a laborious process but an important one.

“I am more interested in actually identifying where all the invasions or reversals of traditional liberties are to be found than having a discursive academic discussion about the principles justifying the inclusion of such provisions in statutes.

“In other words, as I said to Professor Croucher, what I want is a Domesday Book, not a Magna Carta. I want a source of data, in other words, rather than a philosophical or a jurisprudential discussion,” Australia’s first law officer said.

<http://tinyurl.com/k62qx33>

As Wikipedia makes clear, the Domesday Book “was for the most part a large scale tax return”. Or, more precisely, the basis on which new taxes could be levied. <http://tiny.cc/smq6bx>

Nash cuts off council’s nose to spite face

A leaked report about winding up the Alcohol and Other Drug Council of Australia shows the government has paid out more than \$949,000 so far because the controversial junior health minister Fiona Nash decided to cut the organisation’s funding without notice.

“It was dumb advising dumber – dumb won”: former ADCA president Mal Washer (right) said. Dr Washer is a member of CLA and a former Liberal MP for Moore WA, who retired in September 2013.



He said the decision was ill-informed: the ADCA cost only between \$1.3m and \$1.6m annually.

The wind-up cost raises further questions as to why the senator chose to cut the council’s funding on the grounds she could no longer afford to provide for the organisation, which had been funded for almost 50 years, Amy Corderoy reported in *Fairfax* media.

Senator Nash was censured in parliament last month for misleading the Senate and refusing to produce documents outlining how her chief of staff was allowed to continue working for her despite co-owning a company that had worked for the alcohol and junk food industries. <http://tinyurl.com/ngw89lf>

Keenan tries to be tougher than the tough

The federal government is screwing down even harder on unexplained wealth laws.

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan last month introduced the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 to:

- seize bank statements, financial records and payslips as evidence in ascertaining the total wealth of the suspect, and what income is legitimate or dirty;
- force a suspect to turn up to court;
- expand Federal law enforcement bodies’ sharing of information obtained under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 with state, territory and foreign authorities; and

- lock down dirty money and assets so a suspect can’t hide, spend or offload what the Commonwealth can confiscate.

Even the language of the media releases has become over the top, as the last dot points shows.

Let’s hope the federal government applies the same standards to any MPs found to have unexplained wealth. In fact, an audit of MPs’ wealth might be a reasonable idea. <http://tinyurl.com/nt3h3hw>

CLA’s submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional (SLAC) committee will be lodged in early April: it is likely to be available on the SLAC website by mid-month. If a CLA member would like to contribute to the final version, contact the CEO for a draft copy.

PM slams “blackest day” sports beat-up

Prime Minister Tony Abbott last month slammed an “over-dramatic” media conference held in Canberra on February 7 2013, saying it blackened the reputation of Australian sport.

Mr Abbott was asked whether there needs to be faster resolution for players with a cloud hanging over them more than a year after that media conference – described as the “blackest day in Australian sport” – foreshadowed anti-doping investigations into the NRL and AFL.

He side-stepped the question, and instead took aim at that 7 February 2013 media beat-up, which was fronted by the former Labor government’s sports minister Kate Lundy and justice minister Jason Clare.

“I think it is unfortunate that the reputation of Australian sport has been blackened as a result of that rather overdramatic announcement here in Canberra about a year ago,” Abbott said. “Australian sport by and large is clean and fair. I think it is unfortunate that the reputation of Australian sports people generally was impacted,” he said. <http://tinyurl.com/nxfzbru>

Hear, hear, says Civil Liberties Australia. That’s what we’ve been saying ever since the disgraceful media conference was held.

Hurley ‘heavies’ female former soldier who is soon-to-be Senator

Defence Chief General David Hurley last month tried to “heavy” Tasmanian Senator-elect, the former soldier Jacqui Lambie, against using the media to criticise the military.

Described by *News Limited* as “an unprecedented political intervention by a serving military officer”, General Hurley wrote to the Palmer United Party’s Lambie after she issued a media release alleging that abuse was an “intractable problem” in the forces.

Lambie, who served in the army for 10 years, demanded the government extend the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (DART) indefinitely to enable all those affected by abuse to come forward.

“It’s clear from information that’s become public and information I’ve received privately that abuse – including sexual abuse – in Australia’s Defence Force is an intractable problem, which is far more serious than most people realised,” her media release said. She also said that a high level and “poisonous” culture of cover-up within Defence had stopped abuse victims from speaking out.

In his unsolicited letter, General Hurley said he was alarmed by Ms Lambie’s use of emotive language to make accusations against senior military officers.

“I encourage you in future to provide me an opportunity to address any matters of concern you may have rather than

becoming aware of them through a media release," he said. "Such an approach will go a long way to building a productive relationship between you and the ADF when you assume your position in the Senate."

General Hurley should be reminded he works for the Australian people, whom Lambie represents, not the other way around, CLA says. <http://tinyurl.com/okt8kj4>

Wicked NSW and secret WA top the warrant stakes

In the 2012/13 financial year, the AFP was granted the highest number of telecommunication interception warrants for named persons.

The figures for the various crime commissions suggest NSW is about 10 times more wicked than WA or Qld. On a per capita basis, though, WA takes the cake for secret police surveillance.

Australian Crime Commission: 442

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity: 8

Australian Federal Police: 814

Corruption and Crime Commission WA: 28

Crime and Misconduct Commission Qld: 26

Crime Commission NSW: 234

WA Police: 268

NSW Police: 288

NT Police: 11

QLD Police: 151

SA Police: 31

TAS Police: 10

VIC Police: 193

Civil Liberties Australia notes there is no – zilch, zero, never any – review of the appropriateness of issuing of any warrants: all of the above warrants granted by judicial figures might be inappropriate. Almost certainly some of them are. <http://tinyurl.com/n236ob7>

Yacht No Body case: petition to be lodged

A petition for mercy in the Sue Neill-Fraser case in Tasmania is likely to be lodged mid-year.

A new consultant researcher is helping to prepare the petition, and a volunteer researcher is scouring the English-speaking courts for similar cases. Two independent expert reports are completed and several others are close to completion.

There has been no formal answer yet to complaints in relation to the case which were filed with the Integrity Commission of Tasmania five months ago.

Sue Neill-Fraser turned 60 earlier this year. She was convicted in October 2010 and sentenced to 26 years, on appeal 23 years, for the murder of her husband, Bob Chappell, whose body has never been found after going missing overnight from a moored yacht. The parole period was also reduced on appeal, from 18 years to 13 years. The earliest release date is 2023, provided she can be released without admitting guilt, which she continues to strenuously deny.

Civil Liberties Australia believes she is innocent, and that police, prosecution and the Supreme Court of Tasmania have

created a major miscarriage of justice, akin to that which occurred in the Lindy Chamberlain dingo-took-my-baby case 30 years ago.

ODD SPOT: Horsing around in parliament

The independent Senator Nick Xenophon, respected as an effective and sensible swing vote in the upper house, offers the (Senate) newcomers this thought: "Avoid horse trading because you might get a donkey, and worse yet you might end up looking like an ass." <http://tiny.cc/rs1dcx>

ON THE SUBJECT OF HORSES: With PM Abbott having found a new predilection for Sir-cumcising people, we are fortunate that he does not have a horse, so he will be unable to appoint one Consul. However, given his chosen method of mobility, he could appoint a bicycle to a position of authority. Arise, Sir Malvern, what a Star!

Approaching Utopia

Early last month, Adam Goodes wrote an article in the SMH on John Pilger's new film, *Utopia*.

"The buzz around *Utopia* - a documentary by John Pilger - has been unprecedented. Some 4000 people attended the open-air premiere in Redfern last month – both indigenous and non-indigenous Australians – and yet little appeared in the media about an event that the people of Redfern say was a 'first'. This silence has since been broken by a couple of commentators whose aggression seemed a cover for their hostility to the truth about Aboriginal people.

"When I watched *Utopia* for the first time, I was moved to tears. Three times. This film has reminded me that the great advantages I enjoy today – as a footballer and Australian of the Year – are a direct result of the struggles and sacrifices of the Aboriginal people who came before me." <http://tinyurl.com/paecdvj>

Opposition to scrap 'unworkable' laws

The Queensland Opposition has vowed to scrap anti-bikie legislation if it is elected to government, saying it will start drafting replacement laws within months.

Opposition Leader Annastacia Palaszczuk said the laws had gone too far. "We will repeal them and we will replace them," she said. "We'll make sure we have laws that target organised crime gangs without attacking innocent people." She said the laws have failed. "These laws are completely unworkable."

Qld anti-bikie laws include:

- Extra powers for Crime and Misconduct Commission
- Bikie-only prison at Woodford, north of Brisbane
- Mandatory sentences of 15 years for serious crimes committed as part of gang activity, on top of the normal penalty
- Club office bearers will be sentenced to another 10 years in jail, and parole will only be granted if the offender cooperates with police
- Convicted bikies subjected to strict drug tests and searches in prison
- No gym facilities or TV access in jail
- Phone calls in jail to be monitored, except those relating to legal reps
- Inmates' mail opened and censored
- Visitor contact restricted to one hour a week
- Bikie criminals in other state prisons to be transferred to Woodford



- Introducing a licensing regime for tattoo parlours and artists, banning bikie gang members
- Motorcycles to be crushed as punishment for certain crimes <http://tinyurl.com/l88bqzw>

Brisbane on camera, prelude to lockdown

Queensland has unveiled plans to allow Brisbane police officers to view live CCTV footage from cameras in public areas on their iPads or smartphones while working their beat.

Police Minister Jack Dempsey announced the \$1m digital upgrade and expansion of Brisbane City Council's City Safe CCTV network. Dempsey said the new system would also provide evidence for police as live vision could be recorded at City Safe and used in future court proceedings.

"If trouble-makers think they're safe because there are no police in sight, they should remember officers could be watching them on their iPad a block away," Dempsey said.

Brisbane's CBD and The Valley area now has 73 CCTVs: there is a G20 meeting in Brisbane on 15-16 November 2014, with 4000 delegates and 2500 media people expected, plus 1500 security people. The CBD will be locked down, so that the cameras may be useful to civil society to identify any excesses by police or security people. <http://tinyurl.com/od5ry8e>

ODD SPOT: Drunk in charge of a State is OK

NSW politicians have narrowly escaped a ban on consuming alcohol when parliament is sitting. A parliamentary committee was asked to consider regulating how much politicians can drink after former Finance Minister Greg Pearce admitted to being affected by alcohol during a late night session. The 12-member Upper House committee balked at a total clampdown. Instead MPs have been warned they could face disciplinary action for becoming intoxicated. Drunk in charge of a vehicle is an offence: drunk in charge of a State is apparently not an offence. – *NSW Parl report*.

'Milat's 43-year sentence not excessive'

The NSW Court of Criminal Appeal has refused to alter a record 43-year jail maximum sentence on teenage torturer and killer, Matthew Milat.

Matthew is related to serial killer Ivan Milat, who committed the Belanglo forest serial murders.

Matthew's 53-year sentence, with a non-parole period of 30 years, for murdering his friend with an axe was "stern" but not "manifestly excessive", the CCA ruled.

Matthew was nearly 18 in November 2010, when he lured his friend David Auchterlonie, 17, into the same Belanglo Forest used by Ivan. As another friend, Cohen Klein, sat recording the events on a mobile phone, Milat tortured and tormented his friend with a double-sided axe before killing him with a savage blow to the back of the head.

He later bragged about the murder to his mates, telling them "you know the last name Milat ... I did what they do". <http://tinyurl.com/nt7wltf>

WA gets tough on its own taxpayers

The WA Government is introducing new laws with mandatory sentences, which will be Australia's harshest for serious home invasions.

Attorney-General Michael Mischin says the adult offenders who commit a serious assault during a home burglary will be jailed for at least 75% of the maximum term. A physical

assault will mean at least 7.5 years in jail, and a sexual assault at least 15 years.

Mr Mischin says the Government has also proposed changes to the existing "three strikes" policy. "Essentially it will mean that if you commit three burglaries in a row on three separate days then you will have exhausted your three strike opportunities," he said.

Despite tragic cases of inappropriate, excessive sentencing occurring several times a month throughout Australia, governments have not yet learned that magistrates and judges – who actually see and hear the offender and the evidence – are best placed to decide the right sentence.

Senseless "tough on crime" laws only cause the state's prisons to overflow, which means more need to be built, and cost the taxpayer \$300-plus every day for every excessive part of any sentence, CLA says. <http://tinyurl.com/pu36qr7>

Aborigines jailed due mental health problems

Intellectually disabled Aboriginal people are being kept in prison indefinitely because of a lack of proper healthcare facilities.

The ABC's *Lateline* program exposed the case of 23-year-old Rosie Anne Fulton, who has spent the past 18 months in a Kalgoorlie jail without a trial or conviction after she was charged with driving offences. The magistrate in her case declared her unfit to plead because she is intellectually impaired - a victim of foetal alcohol syndrome - and has the mental capacity of a young child.

Her legal guardian, former police officer Ian McKinlay, says Ms Fulton ended up on a prison-based supervision order because there were no alternatives in the area at the time. "At the moment this outcome is almost entirely reserved for Aboriginal, Indigenous Australians," he said.

The Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign says there are at least 30 Indigenous people in a similar situation around the country. <http://tinyurl.com/m5n5w23>

Arts boards given ultimatum by minister

Arts Minister George Brandis, who is also Attorney-General, says he will block government funding for organisations that "unreasonably" refuse corporate sponsorship.

He has asked the Australia Council to develop a policy to deny funding to events or artists refusing private sponsorship, in a direction striking at freedom of choice.

Senator Brandis' move follows what he calls the "preposterously unreasonable" termination of Transfield's sponsorship of the Sydney Biennale. The Biennale board severed ties with Transfield over its involvement in processing asylum seekers offshore.

Senator Brandis said it was reasonable for arts companies or festivals to reject corporate funding if they had concerns about a sponsor's financial credentials; it was not reasonable for them to refuse sponsorship on political grounds. <http://tinyurl.com/opn58ng>

Increasingly, Senator Brandis is confusing his personal beliefs with proclaimed liberties and rights: any independent board is entitled to make a decision on any grounds it chooses within the law, Civil Liberties Australia says. CLA does not agree with the Biennale board's decision over Transfield (given the firm has just started the contract, and therefore does not have a bad record) but we respect their right to choose.



White proposes euthanasia guidelines

Health professor Ben White has proposed the Australian Capital Territory should have guidelines under which the director of public prosecutions could choose not to prosecute in euthanasia cases.

Prof White pointed to Britain where the DPP was told by the House of Lords to set out when he would and wouldn't prosecute in cases of assisted suicide, Kirsten Lawson reported in the *Canberra Times*.

The Commonwealth doesn't allow the territories to legalise euthanasia, but Labor Assembly member Mary Porter is pursuing the issue nevertheless. She held a forum on the topic last month, is about to release a research paper, and will hold a wider public forum later in the year.

Professor White, the director of the health law research centre at the Queensland University of Technology, has written guidelines that could be used when deciding whether or not to prosecute someone for assisting with suicide or carrying out voluntary euthanasia. <http://tinyurl.com/pc94lky>

Australian briefs

Gimme mentality meets reality of budget constraints: In the lead-up to last month's election, police in South Australia outlined plans to use drones to keep tabs on criminals, deploy automated fingerprint recognition systems to police officers' smartphones, and create a universal CCTV-facial recognition system throughout the state. It will be interesting to see how police 'gimme-gimmes' translates into contracts, when the government is crying poor. <http://tinyurl.com/nuk4jj9>

NT goes to polls in by-election: A by-election will be held on 12 April for the seat of Blain after the resignation in late February of former Chief Minister Terry Mills, who held the seat since 1999, winning with a 13% margin last time. Mills led the Country Liberals into government in the August 2012 election after 11 years in opposition, but was replaced soon after by now-CM Adam Giles. Nathan Barrett, a port worker and former school teacher, will be the CLP's candidate, who will face Labor's Geoff Bahnert, a police officer who stood for Blain in 2012. Other parties also are expected to field candidates. <http://tiny.cc/164dcx>

Shield laws protect journo from Gina's subpoena: WA's new shield laws have saved journalist/author Adele Ferguson in a dispute with mega-rich Gina Rinehart. Ferguson doesn't have to disclose her sources used for the unofficial biography, *The Untold Story of the Richest Woman in the World*, despite a subpoena taken out by the multi-billionaire. Rinehart has to pay Ferguson's court costs as well, Justice Janine Pritchard ruled in the WA Supreme Court last month. <http://tinyurl.com/ofpdmst>

Joint trials introduced for sexual offences: The NT will introduce a presumption of joint trials where someone is charged with committing two or more sexual assault offences involving multiple complainants, Attorney-General John Elferink announced last month. He said current legislation presumes multiple charges of sexual assault are tried separately. Similar legislation for presuming joint trials for sexual assault offences has been introduced in Victoria, NSW and Tasmania.

Bracelets may track domestic violence offenders:

Domestic violence criminals in NSW may be constantly tracked under a proposal of Community Services Minister Pru

Goward. She is chairing a ministerial task force to consider if GPS bracelets could be part of the sentence of domestic violence offenders. A parliamentary inquiry two years ago rejected the idea, doubting the reliability of GPS technology and worried the bracelets could give victims a false sense of security...as well as the tracking infringing on people's civil liberties. WA is planning a similar bracelet scheme. <http://tinyurl.com/o4au5g3>

HR committee holds microscope to nine bills: The Australian Parliament's human rights committee considered seventeen new bills in February, all introduced with a statement of compatibility. Seven did not require committee scrutiny, not giving rise to human rights concerns. The committee decided that nine bills needed closer examination; it also deferred consideration of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014, which was introduced on 27 February 2014, to enable closer consideration of the issues. <http://tinyurl.com/ps4975e>

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Two state elections:

The return of the Labor government in **South Australia** and of the Attorney-General John Rau to his post may have a positive impact on the 2013 Right to Appeal law in SA being mirrored* in all states: Rau has formally put the proposal on the agenda at the upcoming national ministerial council meeting.

Also of interest is the appointment of Tony Piccolo, with an economics original degree, accountancy background and education masters and experience, as police minister.

Piccolo is likely to be critical of political 'law and order' expenditure that simply costs taxpayers bucketloads more money.

* CLA is campaigning to have this law, or something similar, in each state.

In **Tasmania**, the resounding election of the Liberals will change the political landscape. The appointment of Elise Archer as the first female Speaker is a positive development, and Dr (of laws and criminology) Vanessa Goodwin is certainly qualified for the Attorney-General role.

Membership meetings:

Belinda Kendall-White, Margaret O'Callaghan, Herschel Hurst, Humphrey McQueen, Peter Curtis, Rosemary Jennings, Keith McEwan, Phylli Ives.

Terry Dwyer: new lawyer member – see article on website: <http://tinyurl.com/m3b3ouy>

Prof Peter Bailey ANU, re judicial processes, and potential future campaign

Website:

Meeting with Director/Webmaster Lance Williamson re membership systems

Promotion:

Sent CLA leaflets to selected CLA members in States and Territories for distribution: 10 per member for letterboxing: members are advising by email when they have boxed them.

Awarded free sub for Fairfax newspapers to read letters, view membership letters: thanks Fairfax.

Network meetings:

Dr Michael Wesley, leader ANU's National Security College/School International and Strategic Studies

Kathy McGowan MHR

Russell Broadbent MHR

Lectures attended:

Transparency and the TPP forum at ANU, Dr Kyla Tienhaara and Natasha Tusikov, RegNet.

Lectures given:

Rob Wesley-Smith gave address on behalf of CLA at Unions meeting, Darwin, organised by Erina Early.

Special projects:

- Treaties Action Organisation (TAO) for Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade negotiations (Pauline Westbrook);
- Emails on impacts on freedom of information sent to Human Rights Commissioner (Tim Wilson) and Institute of Public Affairs (Simon Breheny);
- History civil liberties in Australia, work is progressing
- Contacting MPs who hold moderate views on asylum seekers, trying to find common ground.
- Placed Questions on Notice with Penny Wright (Greens);
- Developed speech on adherence to treaties (Rhys Michie).

Congratulations:

CLA Vice-President and national spokesperson Tim Vines and Director Saskia Vervoorn married in her native NZ on 29 March.

INTERNATIONAL

Conservatives may abandon EU human rights

The Conservative party in the UK is prepared to withdraw from the European convention on human rights (ECHR) after the next election, the home secretary Theresa May (right) has said.

"The next Conservative manifesto will promise to scrap the Human Rights Act," she told the party's conference.

"And it's why the Conservative position is clear – if leaving the European convention is what it takes to fix our human rights laws, that is what we should do," she said to applause.

Justice secretary Chris Grayling set out a timetable for developing their policy for radical reform of human rights law. He said the Conservatives would publish a document in 2014 "setting out what we will do, when we will do it, and how we will do it", followed by a draft bill with legal detail later in the year.

May also used her conference speech to confirm that illegal migrants, criminal foreign nationals and others facing deportation will have their rights to appeal severely restricted.

The number of grounds on which they could appeal will be reduced from 17 to four, and the extent to which a fresh appeal could halt a deportation is to be limited. She said they would be deported first, and have their appeals heard later. <http://tinyurl.com/o5etutl>

UK spies' intrusiveness to be probed

Nick Clegg, the UK Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat leader, has commissioned a review into the intrusive capabilities of British intelligence agencies and the legal framework in which they operate.

He did so after failing to persuade Prime Minister David Cameron that the coalition government should act now to tighten the accountability of Britain's spies.

Clegg has been trying for months inside government to persuade the Conservatives and intelligence agencies that the existing accountability structure is inadequate and could corrode trust.

He had been urging the Conservatives to reform the current oversight of the intelligence agencies.

"There was a lot of low-hanging fruit about the way in which the intelligence agencies are overseen that we could have made progress on now, but in the end we could not get agreement," explained a Clegg aide.

Clegg has instead opted for an independent review, modelled on a report commissioned by Barack Obama, into the implications of the information harvesting technologies developed by US and UK intelligence agencies and exposed by leaks from the former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. <http://tinyurl.com/kabt7zt>

What a tangled web the US weaves...

US Senate majority leader Harry Reid has ordered a forensic examination of the Senate Intelligence Committee's computer equipment to answer what he called the CIA's "absurd" claims that the committee's staff had hacked into the CIA network.

Mr Reid's order is the latest round of an escalating fight between the CIA and the Intelligence Committee, which has oversight authority over the agency.

Last month, Senator Dianne Feinstein, the chairwoman of the committee, also accused the CIA of monitoring computers used by committee staff members to complete their investigation of the agency's detention and interrogation programs. She said that the agency had also improperly removed documents from the committee's computers on two other occasions in 2010.

In a January 27 letter to Ms Feinstein, CIA director John Brennan did not directly accuse the committee of computer hacking. He said that documents "may have been improperly obtained and/or retained" on a part of the CIA's computer network that had been designated for the committee's use.

Mr Brennan has denied that the agency spied on the committee. CIA lawyers have referred a case to the Justice Department alleging that committee aides gained unauthorised access to CIA computer systems to obtain an internal classified report on the interrogation program, which has come to be called the Panetta report, after former CIA director Leon Panetta.

The Justice Department, which is also reviewing Ms Feinstein's accusations, is reluctant to investigate either referral because of the constitutional questions about separation of powers raised by the conflict.

<http://tinyurl.com/ndh8zwd>

Watch out for your webcam!

Britain's surveillance agency GCHQ, with aid from the US National Security Agency, intercepted and stored webcam images of millions of internet users not under any suspicion, secret documents reveal.

GCHQ files dating between 2008 and 2010 explicitly state that a surveillance program codenamed Optic Nerve collected still images of Yahoo webcam chats in bulk and saved them to agency databases, regardless of whether individual users were an intelligence target or not.

In one six-month period in 2008 alone, the agency collected webcam imagery – including substantial quantities of sexually

explicit communications – from more than 1.8 million Yahoo user accounts globally.

Yahoo reacted furiously to the webcam interception. The company denied any prior knowledge of the program, accusing the agencies of "a whole new level of violation of our users' privacy".

NOTE: Under the 'Five Eyes' partnership with Australia, the US, Canada and NZ, it is almost certain that Australian spook agencies would have been involved in similar surveillance or exchange of the relevant data, Civil Liberties Australia believes. <http://tinyurl.com/pmb4l6j>

Privacy is assured in jail

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled that law enforcement officials do need a warrant to search an arrested person's cell phone after they've been jailed.

The ruling did not decide whether it is legal or not for police to search a suspect's phone while being arrested, which is currently a hotly contested subject.

The Supreme Court is set to decide that matter later in 2014.

For now, however, seven Texas appeals court judges have ruled that a person has a legitimate expectation of privacy over the contents of their cell phone while the phone is being stored in a jail property room. An eighth judge wrote a dissenting opinion. <http://tiny.cc/furzbx>

Japanese released: 45 years on death row

Iwao Hakamada, 78, who has spent more than 45 years on death row, has been freed after a court ordered a retrial in his murder case, amid suggestions that police investigators fabricated evidence against him.

He was sentenced to hang in 1968 for the murders two years earlier of a company president, his wife and their two children in Shizuoka prefecture, Japan. He looked frail and unsteady as he emerged from prison with his sister Hideko, 81, who has campaigned for his release.

Hakamada initially admitted carrying out the murders, but retracted the confession and insisted he was innocent throughout his two-year trial. The supreme court denied his first appeal for a retrial in 1980.

In their most recent appeal to the Shizuoka district court, Hakamada's lawyers said the results of DNA test on items of bloodstained clothing belonging to their client proved the blood was not his. The presiding judge, Hiroaki Murayama, revoked the death sentence and ordered Hakamada's release pending the retrial. "It is unjust to detain the defendant further, as the possibility of his innocence has become clear to a respectable degree," Murayama said. <http://tinyurl.com/mf5snyu>

Parents can marry off their girl children at 9

The Iraqi cabinet has approved a draft law that would permit the marriage of nine-year-old girls and automatically give child custody to fathers.

Based on Shiite Islamic jurisprudence, the law would allow clergy to preside over marriages, divorces and inheritances. Since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003, Shiite Islamists have come to lead the government and look to impose their religious values on society.

The draft Ja'afari law describes girls as reaching puberty at nine, making them fit for marriage, makes the father sole guardian of his children at two and condones a husband's right to insist on sexual intercourse with his wife whenever he wishes.

The draft was put forward by Justice Minister Hassan al-Shimari, and approved by the cabinet on 25 February. It must now be reviewed by parliament, but the draft could languish, with national elections scheduled for 30 April.

Iraqi women currently enjoy marriage and child laws more in keeping with those in the West. <http://tinyurl.com/os54lbv>

40 million street vendors get working rights

Decades of struggle by India's Self Employed Women's Association have paid off with a Street Vendors Act which recognizes, regulates and protects the livelihoods of India's 40 million street vendors, 200,000 of whom are SEWA members. The bill passed the Lower House of Parliament in 2013 but was only adopted in Feb 2014 by the Upper House following a concentrated campaign (including a hunger strike in New Delhi) by SEWA and allied organizations.

<http://tinyurl.com/mjxeouv>

Holder & Obama suddenly support more sensible drugs policy



US Attorney General Eric Holder (left) is acting as the Obama administration's booster to cut prison sentences which have been previously mandated by the war on drugs.

The US Sentencing Commission proposes changing federal guidelines to lessen the average sentence for drug dealers, to 51 months from 62 months. Mr.

Holder testified before the commission in support of the plan.

The AG is separately pushing to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug crimes. In January, the Justice Department encouraged low-level criminals serving lengthy sentences on crack cocaine charges to apply for clemency.

Since the late 1970s, the US prison population has ballooned into the world's largest. About 1% of the US adult population is locked up.

In the federal prison system, which would be affected by the changes, half of the 215,000 inmates are serving time for drug crimes. There would be about 6,550 fewer inmates over the next five years if the changes are made. <http://tiny.cc/vfencx>

No men-a-pause clause for Kenya

Kenya's parliament last month passed a bill allowing men to marry as many women as they want, prompting furious female MPs to storm out, reports say.

The bill amended existing marriage legislation to formalise customary law about marrying more than one person.

Originally, the proposed bill had given a wife the right to veto the husband's choice, but male members of parliament overcame party divisions to push through a text that dropped this clause.

"When you marry an African woman, she must know the second one is on the way, and a third wife ... this is Africa," MP Junet Mohammed told the house, according to Nairobi's Capital FM.

As in many parts of Africa, polygamy is common among traditional communities in Kenya, as well as among the country's Muslim community, which accounts for up to a fifth of the population.

"Any time a man comes home with a woman, that would be assumed to be a second or third wife," said Samuel

Chepkong'a, chairman of the justice and legal affairs committee, the *Daily Nation* newspaper reported, according to AFP Nairobi. <http://tinyurl.com/n4nw4hl>

ODD SPOT: Whyte plans to ACT on burglary

Burglars would be sent to prison for a minimum of three years without parole on the third burglary conviction under new policy announced last month by the NZ ACT party leader Jamie Whyte. Speaking at his first ACT (Association of Consumers and Taxpayers) conference as leader, Dr Whyte said burglary was a serious crime. His late mother had had her home burgled, the offenders had defecated all over her house and she never felt safe again, he explained. ACT has one member in the NZ Parliament. <http://tinyurl.com/mcj4mzr>

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Police stay mum on phone tracking: A police department in Florida failed to tell judges about its use of a mobile phone tracking tool "because the department got the device on loan and promised the manufacturer to keep it all under wraps," the American Civil Liberties Union said last month. Police used the tracking device about 200 times without getting a mandatory judicial warrant...because they believed a commercial non-disclosure agreement trumped a legal requirement. <http://feeds.arstechnica.com/~r/arstechnica/index/~3/vzTx5IBGToU/>

French police cook les livres: Police in Paris wiped tens of thousands of crimes from their records as part of a decade-long cover-up to make the capital seem safer than it was, an audit of crime figures for Paris has revealed. Such practices were "organised, systematic" and "masterminded" by police superiors. The report said techniques used for cooking the books included dressing up thefts as simple "vandalism", consistently putting off registering crimes or simply striking them off the register. In this way, 16,000 crimes were wiped from the books in 2011 and 13,000 in 2012, Paris police said. <http://tinyurl.com/m829uqr>

Metadata can pinpoint you and what you do: Researchers at Stanford Uni have confirmed warnings that phone call metadata can betray detailed information about your life. Researchers identified a cannabis cultivator, a multiple sclerosis sufferer and a visitor to an abortion clinic using nothing more than the timing and destination of their phone calls. Researchers Jonathan Mayer and Patrick Mutchler used data from 546 volunteers to assess the extent to which information about who they had called, and when, revealed personally sensitive information. US intelligence agency NSA collects metadata – but not content – of millions of phone calls on mobile networks. <http://tinyurl.com/oqlu3jy>

Bahrain race should get black flag: A leading Bahraini dissident, whose father was imprisoned for life for his role in pro-democracy protests, has claimed that taking Formula One to the country increases human rights abuses. Maryam al-Khawaja, acting president of the Bahrain Centre for Human Rights, has renewed calls for F1 chief executive, Bernie Ecclestone, and FIA president, Jean Todt, to take the Bahrain race (staged this month) off the calendar, believing it legitimises a regime heavily criticised by human-rights organisations and campaigners for press freedom. The race was added to the schedule in 2004, and cancelled in 2011 during violent protests against the government by pro-democracy campaigners. <http://tinyurl.com/l8grdlz>



US Navy prepares to laser enemies: The US Navy will deploy its first directed energy weapon soon. The *USS Ponce* will carry the Navy's Laser Weapon System (LaWS), based on a design developed by the Navy Research Lab and engineers at the Naval Sea Systems Command and Naval Surface Warfare Center. It doesn't aim to vaporise enemy ships but to provide a low-cost (\$1 a shot) way for the Navy to defend against drones, small boats, light aircraft, and missiles at ranges of about a mile. It can "hard" kill smaller targets (directing enough energy at the target to set it on fire or explode fuel aboard it) or "soft" kill by blinding a drone or missile's imaging sensors. *Photo shows a prototype – the white object – undergoing sea trials in 2013.* <http://tiny.cc/l18hcx>

TL laws propose to limit journalists: Proposed new anti-media laws in Timor Leste will bar foreign journalists unless they receive government approval to report in the country. The laws include a restrictive definition of a journalist that would exclude freelance journalists, independent journalists and student journalists. Only individuals employed by a recognised media outlet and who must have served at least six months as an intern in a media organisation will be allowed to work as a journalist. <http://tinyurl.com/kco6mjl>

30-year prisoner freed from death row: A man who spent nearly 30 years on death row in the USA is free after his conviction was overturned. Glenn Ford, a black man, was found guilty by an all-white jury of the robbery and murder of watchmaker Isadore Rozeman, found shot dead in his jewellery shop in 1983. Acting on new information, a judge last month ordered Mr Ford's release from Louisiana State Penitentiary, where the 64-year-old had been held on death row since March 1985. No-one would specify what the new information was. <http://tinyurl.com/mtw8grm>

Prince Charles's thoughts not fit for public viewing: British government ministers have so far spent about \$500,000 in legal fees to prevent publication of letters written by Prince Charles to politicians. The attorney general, Dominic Grieve, with cabinet backing, is blocking release of the letters as he says their contents threaten to damage the prince's political neutrality and create constitutional problems. Last month, three senior judges declared that Grieve had acted unlawfully (when he over-rode an independent tribunal) by vetoing the disclosure of the letters, which would show how the prince sought to influence the government's decision-making. The Guardian has been pressing to see the letters for nine years. <http://tinyurl.com/p23hsgy>

Death for insult: A Pakistani judge has sentenced a Christian to death for blasphemy, lawyers said, in the latest of a rising tide of such legal cases. Judge Ghulam Murtaza Chaudhry sentenced Sawan Masih to hang – and fined – after a Muslim said he had insulted the prophet Mohammed in the eastern city of Lahore a year ago. The accusation against Masih, who will appeal, sparked a riot in which Muslims burned more than 100 Christian homes. At least 16 people are on death row in Pakistan for blasphemy and at least 20 others are serving life sentences. <http://tinyurl.com/m2xc789>

DATES

7 April, Sydney: Sydney Centre for International Law and Sydney Institute of Criminology seminar: Conviction and Imprisonment of Innocent People: the Root of Untruth in the Adversarial System. Professor Tim Bakken from the US Military Academy at West Point. Has the adversarial system has come to accept a high number of innocent-person convictions by placing a focus on judicial process rather than on the discovery of exonerating facts. See http://sydney.edu.au/law/criminology/seminars_events/upcoming_events.shtml#Conviction.

14 April, Perth: Roadmap for Equality – 2014 Grace Vaughan memorial lecture, by Julie McKay, executive director of the Australian National Committee for UN Women. <http://tinyurl.com/mu4wo9j>

23 Apr, Brisbane: Supreme Court Oration 2014, hosted by SC Library, given by Dame Hazel Genn, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University College London, on the challenges to the English adversarial system due to the increasing number of self-represented litigants. 5.30pm, Banco Court, Level 3 QE II Court of Law, 415 George St. RSVP: libsec@sclqld.org.au

30 Apr, Sydney: New Right to Freedom from Corruption, Prof David Kinley, 12.30-1.20pm, AHRC L3, 175 Pitt St, <http://tiny.cc/upoorbx>

30 April, Hobart: The Accumulated Evil of the Whole: The History of War Crimes Law, Prof Gerry Simpson, 6-7.30pm, Stanley Burbury Theatre, Sandy Bay campus. Details: UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au, or phone: 02 6226 2521

16 May, Torquay: Victorian Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) conference, at The Sands Resort. <http://www.thesandstorquay.com/welcome/index.mhtml>

26-27 May, Sydney: 12th National Security Australia conference: Sydney Harbour Marriott. Info: <http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/defence/national-security-australia>

27 May, Adelaide: 2014 Lowitja O'Donoghue oration by Prof Patrick Dodson, U. Adelaide, Bonython Hall, North Terrace: history of Recognition in the lead up to the proposed referendum on the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution. Details: benjamin.waters@adelaide.edu.au

1 June, Melbourne: Re-Evaluating Intellectual Property Rights in the World Trade Organization, Prof Bryan Mercurio, Melbourne Law School, 1-2pm, Rm 608. Details: law-geln@unimelb.edu.au

3-5 June, Tahiti: Political, Economic and Legal Governance in Pacific States and Territories: 2014 Pacific Island Political Association Conference. University of French Polynesia. Info: Kerryn.baker@anu.edu.au

15-20 June, Gold Coast: National Judicial Orientation Program, Sofitel Broadbeach, cost: \$5900. Details: <http://njca.com.au/program/national-judicial-orientation-program-2014-2/>

15-21 June, World: World Refugee Week
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18-19 June, Canberra: State of the Pacific conference, ANU: <http://tinyurl.com/ovbvzw9> Research on the region, assembling academics, policy makers, civil society and media

28 June, Melbourne: Launch of Monash Law School 50th anniversary book, and dinner. Details: law-marketing@monash.edu

3-5 July, Canberra: Theme: 100 years since start of WW One: *Towards International Peace through International Law* 22nd annual conference, ANZ society of Intl Law (ANZIL), at ANU. <http://law.anu.edu.au/anzsil/conferences.html>

16-18 July, Hong Kong: Obligations VII – Divergence and Convergence. Jointly hosted by law faculties at U. Hong Kong and U. Melbourne, to be held in Hong Kong. <http://www.law.hku.hk/obligationsvii/>

7 Aug, Melbourne: Reclaiming American Virtue: The Human Rights Revolution of the 1970s, by Dr Barbara Keys, Sen. Lect. School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, 5-6.30pm, Level 9 m Melbourne Law School. email emma.shortis@unimelb.edu.au



19 Aug, Sydney: Rights Talk...on the ageing and those suffering mental health issues, Prof Henry Brodaty (left), 12.30-1.20pm, AHRC L3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney. <http://tiny.cc/i3orbx>

31 Aug - 4 Sep, Adelaide: 22nd international symposium of the forensic sciences, ANZFSS. Info: <http://www.aomevents.com/ANZFSS2014>

28 Sept–1 Oct, Sydney: Aust. Political Studies Conf, U. Syd, Details: apsa2014sydney@gmail.com

1-3 Oct, Sydney: ANZ Society of Criminology, U. Sydney Law School. Theme: Testing the Edge: Challenging Criminology. Details: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventid=10300>

11-12 Nov, Melbourne: 10th annual Islamic studies postgraduate conference: postgraduate students from any uni welcome. Contact Tessa Shaw: law-cilis@unimelb.edu.au

10 Dec, World: International Human Rights Day

15-16 Dec, Singapore: 'Researching State and Personhood: Law and Society in Southeast Asia', Centre for Asian Legal Studies, U. Singapore, focusing on research located in one or more of the following: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. Details: lynettechua@nus.edu.sg

2015:

14-15 Feb, Canberra: National Judicial College of Australia conference, ANU. Details: <http://njca.com.au/program/anu-njca-conference/>

June, England: 800th anniversary of Magna Carta
Date, Place TBC: 2nd Global Domestic Violence Conference

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