
June saw a major campaign launched and preparations made for activities in Canberra, Goulburn and Braidwood.

This month's highlights include:

- Launch of **10/10 for Life** campaign against capital punishment
- Goulburn CLA planning park rally for David Hicks
- Board meeting decides on extra initiatives
- Four radio programs for September
- Sedition forum, 14 September, NLA: David Marr and Prof. Simon Bronitt
- Overturning ACT civil union law makes Canberrans lesser Australian citizens

THE LAST WORD: Read how hobbled, handcuffed, imprisoned, orange-suited people are launching an 'asymmetric attack' on defenceless US of A military personnel.

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CLA launches local/global campaign to end death penalty

A new CLA campaign launched in June aims to end capital punishment, locally and globally.

In June 2006, CLA asked:

- Australian Attorney-General Philip Ruddock to legislate so no Australian State or Territory could ever re-introduce the death penalty; and
- the United Nations' new Human Rights Council, holding its first session in Geneva, to institute a moratorium on the death penalty worldwide from 10 October 2010...for 10 years. We're calling it the **10/10 for Life** campaign.

On 20 June, at a meeting with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, CLA invited 30 other Australian non-government organizations (NGOs) to join the campaign nationally and internationally.

We have taken two extra steps to help the campaign:

- Australian Prime Minister, Mr Howard, has been asked to investigate why Justice Minister, Mr Ellison, appears to have abdicated his responsibility by allowing the Australian Federal Police to write their own rules for international intelligence exchange; and
- Foreign Affairs Minister Downer has been asked to allocate \$4.25m over five years for Australia to lead the international campaign, particularly in the Asia-Pacific.

The CLA initiatives stem from a death penalty forum held in Canberra on 22 May 2006. They activate the four motions passed by the forum.

To read CLA's four **10/10 for Life** letters, go to <http://www.claact.org.au/index.html>

The CLA campaign aims to accelerate a worldwide trend towards abolition: 124 countries are abolitionist in law or practice, 72 countries retain the death penalty.

In June 2006, the Philippines became the latest country to abolish the death penalty.

Vietnam is early target country for 10/10 campaign

CLA will particularly target Vietnam for the anti-death penalty message, adding to an Amnesty initiative launched last month.

Vietnam has dramatically increased its executions, especially for drug-related crimes, Amnesty said in June.

Based on public reports, at least 64 people were killed in each of 2003 and 2004, but Amnesty believes the true number is much higher.

In 2005, the country executed at least 21 people and sentenced at least 65 to death.

– from Amnesty email

4 July vigil to remind US that Guantanamo is unjust place of torture

Amnesty is inviting people to join a vigil at the US Embassy in Canberra on 4 July, American Independence Day, from 12 to 2pm.

The vigil is to remind Americans that their republic was founded on laws and ideals of democracy and justice and that these have been abandoned.

The Australian David Hicks and most of the other 600 detainees at Guantanamo Bay have been there now for more than four and half years, with no prospect of a fair trial.

Further information contact CLA member Robert Briggs on 6285 1228.

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Goulburn CLA planning August park rally for Hicks

The Goulburn branch of CLA is planning a Hicks rally at Goulburn's Belmore Park in August.

Lead organizer Ruth Roxburgh has organised two main speakers, Don Rothwell and Curtis Levy.

Rothwell is an international law lecturer at Sydney University who comments on legal issues on Radio National and in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Levy is director of the movie, *The President Vs David Hicks*. He has provided a copy of the movie for screening at Sasso Restaurant or for people to borrow.

With the British Government deciding not to support Hicks, getting Australians to speak up by attending rallies such as Goulburn's is now Hicks main chance of release from Guantanamo Bay.

"We need to publicly bring the shameful inaction of the Australian Government into stark relief," Ruth Roxburgh said.

Further information: E: ruthroxburgh@yahoo.com.au Ph: 0404 899 779.

We'll supply further details, including the chosen date in August, by email. NOTE: ACT CLA members are especially invited to attend.

June was bursting out with consultations and planning

CLA's report card for June shows a busy month of diverse activities:

- meetings were held with letter writer Hugh Collis, ANU student Katja Kukoc, Ian White of the Australian Federal Police and barrister Jennifer Saunders (former president of CLA's predecessor, and now a CLA member);
- submission lodged to a Federal Parliamentary committee on civics and electoral issues – see the website for a copy <http://www.claact.org.au/>
- design brief meetings for production of a CLA banner, suitable as a backdrop on lecture/forum stages, and for media interview 'wallpaper';
- attending a two-way briefing by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) for Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). At the June briefing, CLA notified other NGOs of its **10/10 for Life** campaign;
- meeting of the CLA board, expanded by invitation to seven members for this meeting. Those present were: president Dr Kristine Kugman, secretary-treasurer-CEO Bill Rowlings and directors James Staples, Anthony Williamson and Vic Adams with Elly Cotsell and Herschel Hurst by invitation.
- planning for the Sedition forum on 14 September at the National Library of Australia.

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CLA to call meeting for possible new group at Braidwood

After Braidwood locals expressed interest to director Vic Adams and member John Parsons, CLA is planning to call a meeting to form a branch at Braidwood, about 75km south-east of Canberra

The CLA board, at its June meeting, formally endorsed the proposed move because of the enthusiastic response shown by Goulburn branch members, and the known potential in the Braidwood area.

If you have relatives, friends or contacts in or around Braidwood that you'd like to be informed of the planned meeting, email their names, phone and email details to secretary@claact.org.au

The meeting is expected to be called in late September or October.

Further Defence and Police human rights lectures planned

Director Vic Adams is liaising with Uni of NSW lecturers for more CLA addresses to Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) cadets, and with Australian Federal Police and Charles Sturt University lecturers for similar addresses to AFP international deployment trainees and NSW Police cadets.

Australia Day letter series to continue

CLA will once again promote an initiative in conjunction with Australia Day.

Last year, we wrote formal letters to Attorney-General Philip Ruddock and Justice Minister Chris Ellison in relation to the Bali 9 prisoners.

The initiative produced responses which have illuminated detailed discussion on the government taking more responsibility for AFP intelligence-swapping rules and guidelines.

In 2007, we will launch another major initiative on Australia Day which will continue as a focus during the calendar year.

If you have any thoughts on what we should focus on, please email suggestions to secretary@claact.org.au

Cartoon exhibition in planning stages for 2007 or 2008

Under the direction of member Elly Cotsell, contact details for Australia's best cartoonists have been drawn up with a view to a special civil liberties and human rights cartoon exhibition in late-2007 or 2008.

Cartoonists Bruce Petty and Geoff Pryor had given their support for CLA's proposed exhibition, and CLA president, Dr Kristine Klugman, is talking with possible venues.

The exhibition will be designed so that it could travel to other capital and major regional cities.

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CLA to take to the airwaves

In conjunction with the Canberra Islamic Centre, CLA is planning four half-hour radio programs in September.

The programs would air on Radio Ramadan, the month-long special service for Muslims in Canberra.

Topics to be discussed during the programs may include:

- Muslims and anti-terror laws
- Sedition and its impact on Muslim speech
- Civics and electoral rights and responsibilities
- Racial vilification issues

The programs, which will involve interviews with experienced people in the field, will be produced in conjunction with Radio Ramadan's executive producer, Diana Abdul-Rahman.

– from MEAA e-newsletter, 23 June 06

Media Alliance tries new tack on marriages and civil unions

The Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA, or the Alliance) has made a submission to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission calling for amendments to the Marriage Amendment Act 2004.

The Alliance says current definitions of marriage can limit access to working and other rights through legislation that ties entitlements to the nature of an individual's personal relationship.

Go to: <http://www.alliance.org.au/images/stories/pdf/heriocsubmissionjune06.pdf>

- from news reports, 30 June 2006

US Supreme Court rules against President's special military commissions

The US Supreme court has ruled President Bush's military commission is illegal...but the decision may actually worsen the situation of detainees.

"(The military commission's) structure and procedures violate both the (military laws) and the Geneva Conventions," the judgement said.

The four majority judges of a court which is considered to lean to conservatism were scathing of the US Administration's disrespect for basic rights, evidenced by attempts to hold trials without the accused present, using secret 'evidence' that only military officers could hear and which may have been obtained by torture or payment.

The decision means the situation of Australian detainee, David Hicks, is on further hold. The charges against him cannot legally be heard by the specially-created military commission.

Presumably, the US President will have to bring the charges in a normal military court or in a civilian court, or get Congress to pass new legislation legitimizing his preferred military commission system.

The ruling is not all good news for detainees: the Supreme Court has clearly acknowledged that the 'war on terror' can be treated, for legal purposes, as a real war.

The court also seems to indicate – but did not rule on – that detaining 'enemy combatants' for the duration of the 'war on terrorism' may be a legitimate action of the US Administration.

In other words, President Bush could drop the charges against David Hicks...but detain him until he – President Bush – declares the 'war on terror' is over.

That nightmare scenario of a war without end and detention *sine die* may be seen in time as an awful outcome of this US Supreme Court decision.

<http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?court=US&vol=000&invol=05-184>

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– from a report by Alan Travis and Audrey Gillan, The Guardian (UK), 29 June 2006

High Court judge rules for detainees against the British Government

A UK High Court judge has demolished a central plank of the British Government's anti-terror policy by quashing 'control orders' on six suspected terrorists.

Mr Justice Sullivan said the UK home secretary (roughly equivalent to the Australian Attorney-General) "had no power to make them – the control orders – under human rights law".

The Guardian reported that the ruling overturns nearly half the 14 control orders currently in force in Britain.

The judge declared that the system of control orders, which places terror suspects under 'draconian' restrictions just short of house arrest for up to 12 months, was incompatible with the European human rights convention.

The decision, if upheld by the appeal court, will leave a big hole in the UK Government's anti-terror policy as ministers will be left with no powers to detain terror suspects whom they are not able to prosecute in an open criminal court, the reporters said.

Some aspects of Australian terrorism legislation to be reviewed

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) will conduct a modified review of various anti-terrorism laws with hearings on 31 July and 1 August in Parliament House, Canberra.

The laws under review are:

Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Act 2002;

Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002;

Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Act 2002; and

Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Act 2002;

The package was subject of an inquiry by the Security Legislation Review Committee (SLRC) under the chairmanship of Simon Sheller (the Sheller Inquiry). The Attorney-General tabled its report in Parliament on 15 June.

The committee is inviting witnesses to the Sheller Inquiry to comment on its recommendations by 7 July.

The committee has also decided not to review the operation of section 102.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, which governs the listing of an organisation as a terrorist organisation. This topic will be the subject of a separate review by the committee in early 2007.

The Sheller Report is available at: <http://www.ag.gov.au/slrc>

For more information, contact the committee secretariat on 02 6277 4650 or visit the PJCIS's website at

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/securityleg/index.htm>

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– from Australian Attorney-General's media release, 27 June 06

National security calls pass 80,000

Calls from members of the public to the national security hotline since it was set up in December 2002 have passed 80,000, according to Attorney-General Philip Ruddock.

"ASIO along with the Australian Federal Police and state and territory police services regularly use information from the hotline to piece together intelligence pictures to assist investigations," Mr Ruddock said.

The hotline is open 24/7 on 1800 123 400.

“Trained operators take every call seriously and callers can remain anonymous,” Mr Ruddock said.

Mr Ruddock did not say that anonymous information risks incidents like a massive raid (250 police) on a suburban house at 3am with guns drawn, shooting an innocent Muslim – as happened in London recently.

CLA asks for action from first session of the Human Rights Council

The first meeting of the new Human Rights Council (HRC) began 19 June 2006 in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

CLA has written to the HRC, asking that it adopt and promote the [10/10 for Life](#) campaign for a moratorium on capital punishment worldwide from October 2010.

Federal Government strikes at democratic rights over civil unions

The Federal Government has made Canberrans lesser-class Australian citizens by vetoing a law passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly.

While the law itself (allowing civil unions) is important, disenfranchising the people of the ACT is equally significant.

Greens’ leader Senator Brown is planning to introduce a Bill into the Senate to remove the power of the executive to overturn ACT legislation.

It is difficult to understand why Canberrans should pay the same federal taxes as other Australians if ACT people do not have the same rights.

If ACT representatives, properly elected, can’t introduce legislation that was in the platform they took to the most recent election, then the ACT people have a different type of democracy to other Australians.

‘No taxation without representation’ has a familiar ring to it.

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- from CLA website feedback

Contributor suggests taking DNA samples from politicians, police

The CLA website, just weeks old, has received its first suggestion from a member of the public.

Charles Hirst wrote:

‘As the various state and territory governments are bit-by-bit expanding the use of DNA databases, here are two suggestions that would increase public confidence (or make politicians think a bit more carefully)

a) To give public confidence in the security of the system, DNA records of all serving or recently-retired MPs and MLAs should be included; and

b) As Police and Emergency Services personnel are present at crime scenes, all their DNA records should be included for elimination purposes.

“This would result in a greater level of security (and might deter the occasional corrupt politician or cop),” Charles suggested.

In fact, the Australian Federal Police members’ association is actively working against police having to give DNA samples when they join, or are promoted (as reported in their newsletter).

CLA is on the side of police: they as individuals have rights, and they should not be turned into ‘group suspects’ simply because of their jobs.

It's important we fight to retain the notion of innocent until proven guilty. We're happy if police want to give their DNA voluntarily, but no police officer should be forced to do so if he/she doesn't want to.

As for politicians, it might be a good idea if they showed a lead to the community...voluntarily, of course.

CLA is also investigating the protocols and guidelines surrounding the DNA samples taken from babies immediately after birth – further details in future newsletters.

Victorian Charter passes first hurdle, faces Upper House in spring

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities passed in the Lower House of the Victorian Parliament on Thursday 15 June 2006.

"It still has to go through the Upper House, which has now risen until spring," said former Liberty Victorian president Greg Connellan in an 18 June email to CLA.

The Victorian Charter goes beyond the ACT Human Rights Act.

The Charter adds muscle because it imposes a duty on Victorian police to ensure that "...members of the force have regard to the human rights set out in the Charter." (ACT Policing claims that it is not bound by the ACT Human Rights Act).

The Charter also binds Victorian public officials to respecting and promoting the Charter's human rights by "making decisions and providing advice consistent with human rights; and actively implementing, promoting and supporting human rights."

The Victorian Charter will be reviewed after four years, and again after a further four years.

The reviews will consider whether some omitted rights should be included, such as:

- the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Additionally, the reviews will consider whether in future there should be regular mandatory auditing of public authorities for compliance; and whether more effective remedies other than a declaration on paper should be possible.

Liberty Victoria celebrates 70 years

Liberty Victoria will turn 70 and also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of their founder this month.

Brian Fitzpatrick, secretary of the Melbourne-based civil liberties group from virtually its founding in 1936 to 1964, was an avid exponent of the traditions of justice, fairness and free speech, which he saw as central pillars of a democratic and civilised society.

His was a powerful public voice defending refugees, trade unionists, minority parties and dissident artists.

The dinner is on Saturday 8 July 2006 at Melbourne University Buffet. Details and bookings: <http://www.libertyvictoria.org.au/>

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Editorial, New York Times, 12 June 2006

The Deaths at Gitmo

The news that three inmates at Guantánamo Bay hanged themselves should not have surprised anyone who has paid the slightest attention to the twisted history of the camp that President Bush built for selected prisoners from Afghanistan and anti-terrorist operations. It was the inevitable result of creating a netherworld of despair beyond the laws of civilized nations, where men were to be held without any hope of decent treatment, impartial justice or, in so many cases, even eventual release.

– opening paragraphs of an editorial calling for the closure of GBay (or ‘Gitmo’, which is the US abbreviation for Guantanamo Bay).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/06/12/opinion/12mon1.html?th&emc=th>

– from report by Vikram Dodd in The Guardian (UK), 15 Jun 06

British Lord Chancellor attacks Guantánamo

Britain’s highest law officer, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Falconer, has denounced Guantánamo Bay as a ‘recruiting agent’ for terrorism.

He described the existence of the US base, which is on a peninsula of mainland Cuba, as "intolerable and wrong".

"Guantánamo Bay is a recruiting agent for those who would attack all our values," The Guardian reported him saying on BBC1's Question Time.

"We live by the rule of law. What Guantánamo Bay is doing is placing people beyond the rule of law, which is intolerable and wrong."

– from a NY Times report by Kate Zernike, 28 June 2006

Bush's use of reserved power to ignore laws riles Senator

Senators on the US Judiciary Committee have accused President Bush of an ‘unprecedented’ and ‘astonishing’ power grab by reserving the right to alter or ignore 750 laws passed since he took office.

Using ‘signing statements’ – memorandums issued with legislation as he signs it – President Bush can ignore laws he thinks violate the US Constitution or national security, or that impair foreign relations.

The Republican Senator who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Arlen Specter, and others are particularly upset that Mr Bush reserved the right to interpret the torture ban passed overwhelmingly by Congress, as well as Congressional oversight powers in the renewal of the Patriot Act.

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– from The Guardian’s 7 July report by Stephen Grey and Ian Cobian

Marty blasts USA and 14 European countries over torture flights

Chairman of the Council of Europe’s legal affairs and human rights committee, Dick Marty, last month delivered a withering blast to the USA and 14 European countries over ‘rendition’,

Rendition is the practice of flying supposed terrorist suspects around the world to acquiescent countries where they can be tortured most with least public knowledge.

Mr Marty said that the USA believed that "neither conventional judicial instruments nor those established under the framework of the laws of war could effectively counter the new forms of international terrorism".

Therefore, Marty said, the USA had decided to "develop new legal concepts" that left hundreds of terrorist suspects deprived of liberty, outside US territory but under US control and denied any access to fundamental legal rights.

"This legal approach is utterly alien to the European tradition and sensibility, and is clearly contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Mr Marty said that Spain, Turkey, Germany and Cyprus provided staging posts for rendition flights.

Italy, Sweden, Bosnia and Macedonia allowed rendition of their residents from their soil.

He accused Britain, Ireland, Portugal and Greece of providing stopovers for CIA planes.

Mr Marty said there was enough flight data evidence to support suspicions that Romania and Poland had allowed secret CIA detention centres to operate on their soil, despite official denials.

– from Human Rights First email, 7 June 06

'Insulted' Egyptian President keeps protestors locked in jail

More than 300 protestors were still held in detention six weeks after a peaceful protest in central Cairo on 7 May in support of two judges.

Authorities threatened to remove the judges from the bench for exposing electoral fraud and calling for release of protestors detained in earlier demonstrations.

Authorities have kept the protestors in jail under the administrative detention powers of Egypt's emergency law. One charge they will face will be "insulting the President.

– from a report by Anne E. Kornblut in the NY Times, 26 June 06

US taps first, legalizes second

America is close to reaching a resolution on submitting a National Security Agency (NSA) telephone-tapping program to judicial review, the New York Times has reported.

"I think there is an inclination to have (the issue) submitted to the (US) Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and that would be a big step forward for protection of constitutional rights and civil liberties," Mr Arlen Specter, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, was quoted as saying on a TV program in late June.

Anne Kornblut reported that President Bush and his top advisers had resisted calls for formal legal oversight of the program under which the NSA listens in on phone calls and reads e-mail messages to and from Americans and others in the US who the agency believes may be linked to terrorists.

Only those communications into and out of the country are monitored, administration officials say, according to the report.

"Until late 2001, the security agency focused only on the foreign end of such conversations; if the agency decided that someone in the US was of intelligence interest, it was supposed to get a warrant from the intelligence surveillance court.

"Now such warrants are sought only for communications between two people in the US," the NYT report said.

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- from UNity, UN Assn of Australia newsletter, 22 June 06

Reading that might stimulate

Human Rights in the 'War on Terror' edited by Richard Ashby Wilson, published by Cambridge University Press [ISBN 0 521 61833 9] is a collection of 16 essays by eminent legal practitioners and commentators, including Geoffrey Robertson and former UN Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson.

Fear and Politics by Carmen Lawrence, published by Scribe [ISBN 1 920769 87 0] addresses the survival of democracies in the age of terror. She comments that the perception of the fearless Australian has changed through the use of fear in framing and delivering public policy. She cites the fear factor in policies dealing with refugees, indigenous Australians and "foreigners" in our midst, especially Muslims – who may, indeed, be native Australians.

What your MPs are reading – June 06

This is a reading list from the Parliamentary Library. If interested in an item, your MHR or Senator may be able to get it for you.

CONSTITUTION:

Head, Michael. *Calling out the troops: disturbing trends and unanswered questions*. UNSW Law Journal, vol.28, no.2, 2005: 479-506.

Tracey, Richard. *The Constitution and military justice*. UNSW Law Journal, vol.28, no.2, 2005: 426-37.

White, Margaret. *The executive and the military*. UNSW Law Journal, vol.28, no.2, 2005: 438-57.

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Costelloe, Raani. *Fair use and other copyright exceptions in the digital age*. Communications Law Bulletin, vol.24, no.3, December 2005: 16-8.

Lee, Timothy B. and Cato Institute. *Circumventing competition: the perverse consequences of the digital millennium Copyright Act*. Policy Analysis (Cato Institute) no.564, 2006: 27p.

Hyland, Mark. *The ever-expanding nature of copyright liability Down Under*. Tottel's Communications Law, vol.10, no.5, 2005: 157-63.

ELECTORAL SYSTEMS:

Levine, Stephen and Nigel S. Roberts. *The constitutional structures and electoral systems of Pacific Island States*. Commonwealth & Comparative Politics, vol.43, no.3, November 2005: 276-95.

Rich, Roland. *Designing democracy along the Pacific rim*. Democracy at Large, vol.2, no.1, 2005: 10-2.

Stockwell, Robert F. *An assessment of the alternative vote system in Fiji*. Commonwealth & Comparative Politics, vol.43, no.3, November 2005: 382-93.

INTERNET:

Abrahams, Nick and Glenda Stubbs. *Legal issues arising from IPTV [Internet protocol TV]*. Communications Law Bulletin, vol.24, no.3, December 2005: 14-6.

JUDICIAL REVIEW:

Finkelstein, Raymond. *Crossing the intersection: how courts are navigating the 'public' and 'private' in judicial review*. AIAL Forum, no.48, April 2006: 1-11.

Sands, Philippe. *Lawless world: international law after September 11, 2001 and Iraq*. Melbourne Journal of International Law, vol.6, no.2, October 2005: 437-57.

LEGISLATION:

Argument, Stephen. *The Legislative Instruments Act 2004: is it the cherry on the top of the legislative scrutiny cake?* AIAL Forum, no.48, April 2006: 35-46.

PRIVILEGE, PARLIAMENTARY:

Joyal, Serge. *The Vaid case and the protection of parliamentary employees against human rights discrimination: towards a theory of parliamentary privilege in Canadian public law*. Canadian Parliamentary Review, vol.28, no.4, winter 2005-2006: 2-6.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Burgess, Verona. *Aboriginal employment nearly halved*. Australian Financial Review, 26 May 2006: 69.

SEPARATION OF POWERS:

Feldman, David. *Human rights, terrorism and risk: the roles of politicians and judges*. Public Law, Summer 2006: 364-84.

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EVENTS:

4 July: vigil outside the US Embassy in Canberra, 12 –2pm, details Robert Briggs 02 6285 1228

8 July: Liberty Victoria's 70th and 100th anniversary of birth of Brian Fitzpatrick, founder of civil liberties in Australia. Details: <http://www.libertyvictoria.org.au/>

9 July: Meeting of state/territory CL organizations in Melbourne, 10am-1pm

31 July – 3 Aug, Suva, Fiji: 11th annual meeting Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions, hosted by Fiji Human Rights Commission

August: **Goulburn CLA** Rally in the Park for David Hicks. Date to be confirmed.

14 September, Canberra: 6pm, National Library of Australia.

CLA Forum with ISAA & NLA*: **Sedition: Defending or Subverting Freedom?** Kenote speakers: Professor **Simon Bronitt** (Director National Europe Centre and Professor College of Law, ANU), **David Marr** (SMH journalist, ex-ABC Media Watch presenter). All invited. * *CLA in conjunction with Independent Scholars Association of Australia and the NLA.*

10 December, World: Human Rights Day www.ohchr.org

10/10/10 World: Target date for a moratorium on the death penalty – [10/10 for Life](#).

THE LAST WORD: US camp commandant on suicide of 3 G-Bay detainees:

"They are smart, they are creative, they are committed," Admiral Harris said. "They have no regard for life, neither ours nor their own. I believe this was not an act of desperation, but an act of asymmetrical warfare waged against us."

– Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr, commander of the US States military prison at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, quoted in the New York Times, 11 Jun 06

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