

# **Partnerships in Law Reform Research Partnership Roundtable**

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# Law reforming ...

- who and what drives law reform
- the process of law reforming
- the law reform process and you
- law reform contributions and impact



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# WHO AND WHAT DRIVES LAW REFORM

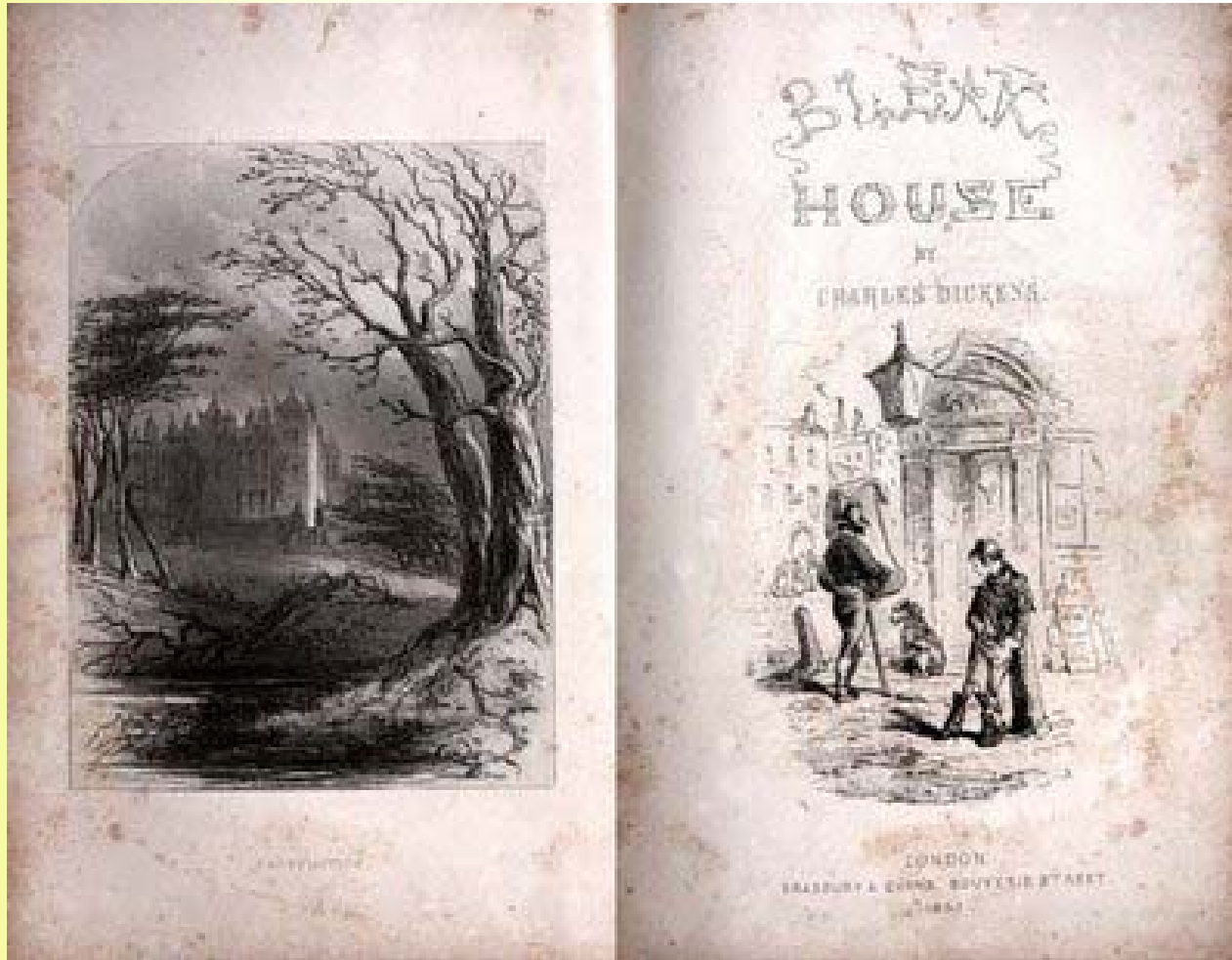


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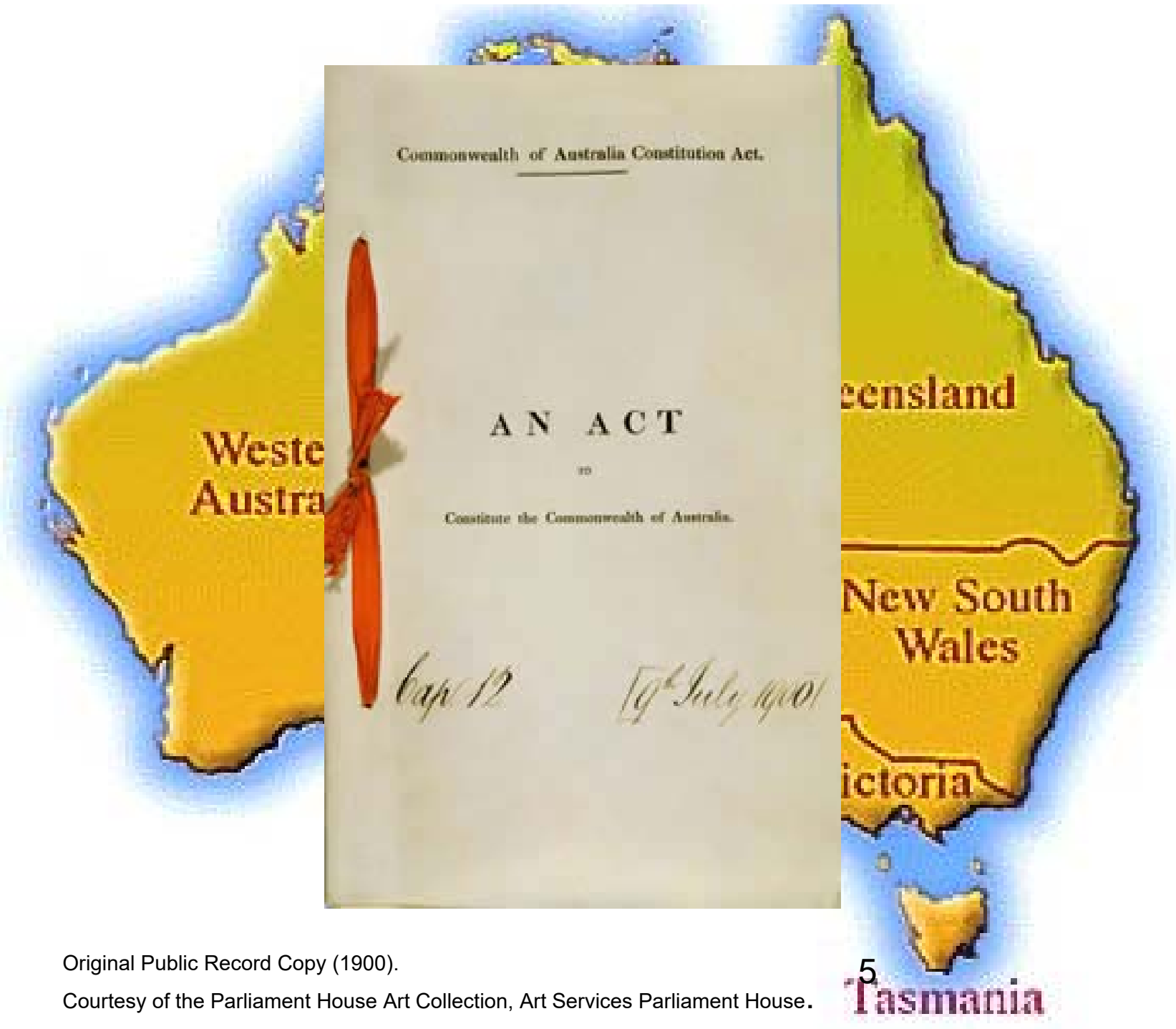
# Modernising



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# Federal system



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# Technology



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# Getting stuck



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## Where it happens

- Parliament
- joint ministerial councils
- departmental committees
- Family Law Council
- Royal Commissions
- other ad hoc bodies
- law reform commissions





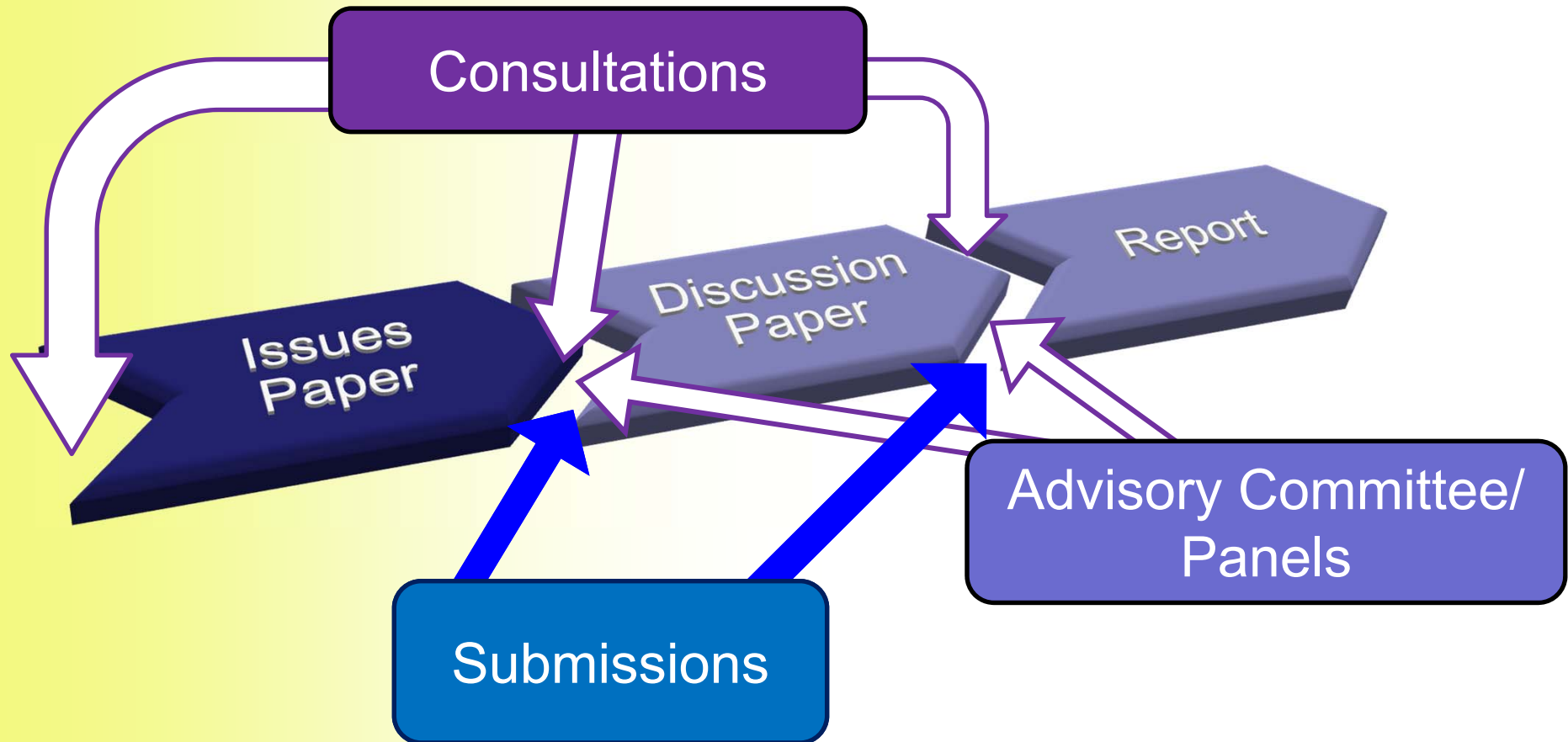
# THE PROCESS OF LAW REFORMING



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# The process of law reforming



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# Family Violence inquiry 2009-2010

## Consultation



# THE PROCESS AND YOU



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# Academics

- books and journals cited
- consultation
- submissions
- Advisory Committees
- expert readers



## CLCs

- consultations
- case studies
- submissions
- inclusion in newsletters



# LAW REFORM CONTRIBUTIONS AND IMPACT



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# Research Impact

... the demonstrable contribution that research makes to the economy, society, culture, national security, public policy or services, health, the environment, or quality of life, *beyond contributions to academia.*

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## Research Impact Pathway

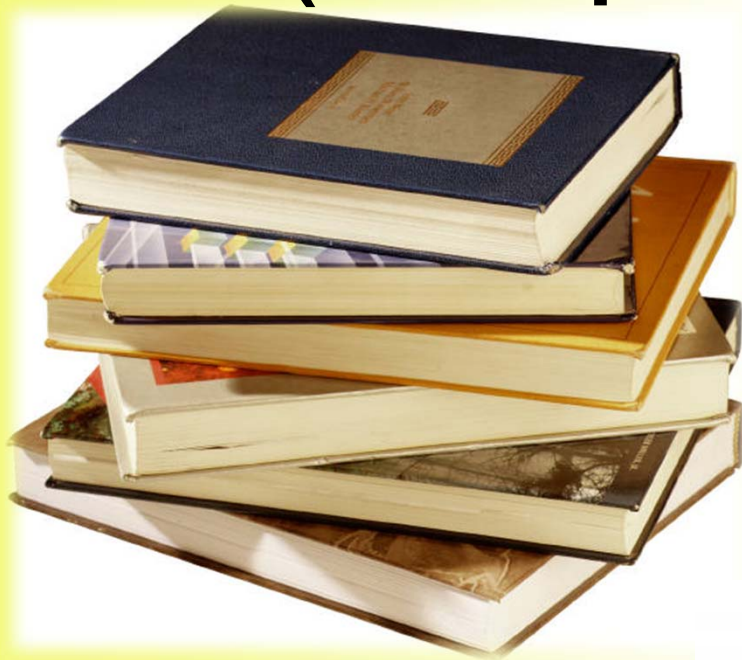
Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research income</li> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Background IP</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Collections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Work and Training</li> <li>• Workshop/Conference Organising</li> <li>• Facility Use</li> <li>• Membership of Learned Societies and Academies</li> <li>• Community and Stakeholder Engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publications including E-Publications</li> <li>• Additions to National Collections</li> <li>• New IP: Patents and Inventions</li> <li>• Policy Briefings</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial Products, Licences and Revenue</li> <li>• New Companies – Spin offs, Start Ups or Joint Ventures</li> <li>• Job Creation</li> <li>• Implementation of Programs and Policy</li> <li>• Citations</li> <li>• Integration into Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic, Health, Social, Cultural, Environmental, National Security, Quality of Life, Public Policy or Services</li> <li>• Higher Quality Workforce</li> <li>• Job Creation</li> <li>• Risk Reduction in Decision Making</li> </ul>



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# (‘Output’ v ‘outcome’)



# Research impact

Now it's your turn!



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- frontline case studies to inform academic work
- write submissions



# FINAL WORDS



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# ALRC Reports

... the best statement or source of the current law on a complex and contentious topic that can remain the case for decades thereafter ...

Federal Court, Submission 22  
Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs  
Committee, 2010



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## ALRC Reports

... substantial contribution to the public debate on issues as diverse as privacy, personal insolvency, the use of genetic information, admiralty law and the operation of the federal justice system.

Government Response, 2011

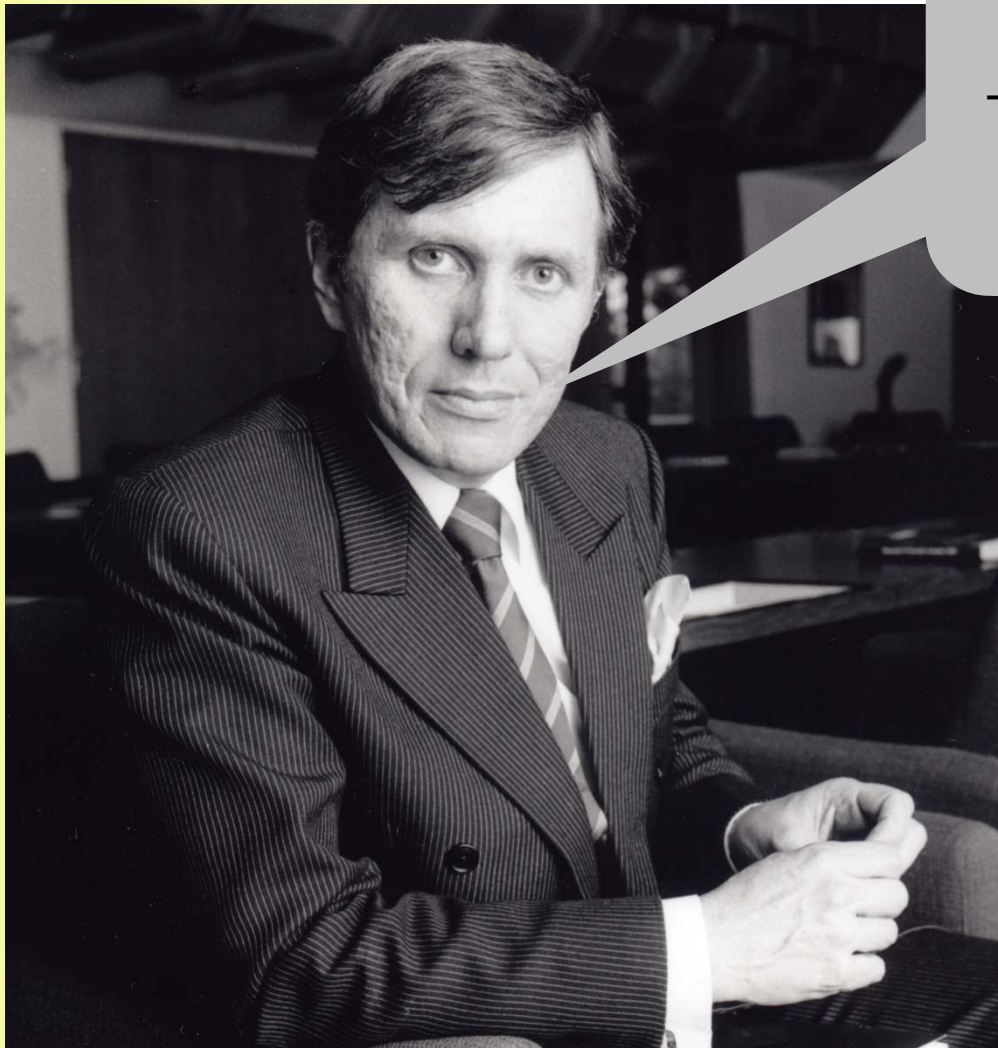


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# Research impact



The flame of ideas .....

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG  
Chairman, ALRC, 1975-1984



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