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EDITORIAL

This edition of the *ILB* covers a breadth of issues affecting Indigenous communities. Firstly, we are proud to announce that the Indigenous Law Centre director, Professor Megan Davis, will be the new Pro Vice Chancellor Indigenous at UNSW.

Madeleine Heath, a worker at the Warringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre, offers a powerful perspective on a case she observed that involved domestic violence. Through her unique perspective, Heath discusses the impact of intersectional discrimination on Aboriginal women, and how this shapes the way the criminal justice system deals with Aboriginal survivors of domestic violence.

Alice Barter and Dennis Eggington write a case note about the coronal inquest into the death of Miss Dhu while in police custody. They discuss how institutional racism and section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act* are interconnected with the tragic death of Miss Dhu

In 'Indigenous Young People Leaving Care: Questioning the gaps in official statistics', Susan Baidawi, Bernadette Saunders and Philip Mendes discuss the experiences of Indigenous children and young people leaving the child welfare system. They identify that there are significant data gaps regarding Indigenous care leavers, which is a barrier to developing informed policy and practice initiatives in this area. Terri Libesman's article is a reprint from the *ILB* volume 6, issue 24 (2007)—it provides readers with a background to the issue of Indigenous children care, as well as a perspective on what has and hasn't changed in the space over the last 10 years.

Peter Whellum discusses the problems faced by traditionally-oriented Aboriginal offenders, and families of those offenders, who are imprisoned in mainstream prisons far from their traditional lands and support networks. He has put together a convincing argument for reform in this area.

Angus Frith writes a case note about the controversial *McGlade* decision that led to proposed amendments to the *Native Title Act*. A young lawyer, Kelsi Forrest, offers a personal perspective on the amendment as a Wajuk Barladong Mineng Nyungar who voted in the authorisation process for three of the six Indigenous Land Use Agreements that make up the South West Native Title Settlement.

Stephen Hall reviews *Every Mother's Son Is Guilty: Policing the Kimberley frontier of Western Australia 1882–1905* by Chris Owen. Finally, *ILB* editor, Ruby Langton-Batty interviews UNSW Law graduate Teela Reid about life after law school and her experiences at the Referendum Council's First Nations Regional Dialogues held in Sydney recently.

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