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Foreword

This special electronic issue of the *Flinders Journal of Law Reform* brings together a cross-section of papers presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) held in Adelaide, 23rd to 26th September 2007. This is the first time that ANZSOC conference participants have had the opportunity to submit their papers for potential inclusion in an E1 Refereed Conference Proceedings.

The Conference, which was co-hosted by Flinders University Law School, University of South Australia's School of Commerce and South Australia's Department of Justice, attracted over 260 delegates from Australia, New Zealand and a host of overseas countries. Its overarching theme, '*Criminology: Building Bridges*', was chosen to acknowledge criminology's inter-disciplinarity as well as to encourage exploration of its role in forging links between such elements as research and policy, theory and practice, local and international issues, and private and public domains.

During the three days of the conference, a broad range of topics was covered, with papers on more conventional issues, such as juvenile justice, drugs and crime, policing, sentencing and corrections, domestic and family violence, persistence and desistance, rehabilitation and punishment, therapeutic jurisprudence and restorative justice, sitting alongside emerging areas of inquiry, such as international terrorism, peace-building, interdisciplinary and theory, crime and globalisation, and crime, privacy and technology. Such diversity of subject matter attests to the ever-evolving and expanding scope of criminological research and its increasing transcendence of national and international borders.

Also reflected in both the conference themes and the presentations is the growing emphasis on, and number of contributors from, South East Asian and Pacific countries. This is reflected not only in the keynote address delivered at the conference by Professor John Braithwaite, co-winner of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, who spoke of peace building in the Asian Pacific region, but also by the fact that, of the 28 papers included in this special journal issue, four were authored by researchers from Taiwan.

One theme that has remained a keystone of ANZSOC conferences since the first one was held in Melbourne in the early 1980s is the on-going issue of Indigenous over-representation in the criminal justice system. In keeping with this, the opening reception of the Conference was addressed by retired Supreme Court Judge Elliott Johnston QC who, as Commissioner, authored the final report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1991. A number of conference sessions, and several of the papers included in this special issue, also focus on this topic. This emphasis on Indigenous issues is particularly fitting, given that the conference coincided with the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum, which finally recognised Indigenous Australians' right to be counted in the census, and the tenth anniversary of the release of the *Bringing Them Home* report, which documented the experiences of the Stolen Generation.

As guest editors of this issue, we would like to thank Professor Andrew Goldsmith who, as general editor of the Flinders Journal of Law Reform and who, with Professor Rick Sarre from the UniSA, acted as co-convenor of the Conference, offered the *Journal* as the publication vehicle for these conference papers.

We also extend our gratitude to all members of the SA Conference Organising Committee – Rick Sarre, Andrew Goldsmith, Nichole Hunter, Marinella Marmo and Sue King — and to those other external experts to whom papers were distributed for their assistance in the refereeing process.

And finally, to all contributors who submitted their papers for inclusion in this issue, without your interest and support, this edition would not have been possible.

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