

# RULE OF LAW

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#### **RoLIA commends Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs References Committee on ALRC report**

The Rule of Law Institute of Australia (RoLIA) today welcomed the release of the Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs References Committee report on its inquiry into the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

RoLIA CEO Richard Gilbert said

“The Committee has done a thorough job addressing its terms of reference in a short period of time.

RoLIA fully endorses the recommendations made by the Committee.

All five recommendations of the Committee go to the heart of the nation having a viable and effective law reform body. At a time when there is a cascade of new legislation it is of critical importance that an independent and impartial agency formulates considered and expert views on what changes there needs to be to our laws.

Under the rule of law it is important that laws be both contemporaneous and developed in full consultation with the community.”

Mr Gilbert concluded: “The ball is now in the Government’s court to address the Committee’s recommendations by providing urgently needed funding for the ALRC in the 2011 Budget.”

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