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INSTITUTIONS AND REGULATION IN THE MODERN STATE

The *Melbourne University Law Review* is seeking submissions for its symposium issue 44(3) on the topic of 'Institutions and Regulation in the Modern State'.

Submissions are now open and close on **31 August 2020**.

The 21st century has thus far seen sweeping changes to some of the most fundamental institutions underpinning our society, such as the government, banks, the media, and religious organisations, driven by shifting socio-political norms and technology-driven market disruption. At the same time, the nature of regulation is also transforming in two respects. First, regulation of those institutions — government, banks, corporations — must keep pace with the changing natures of those institutions. This has been highlighted through recent Royal Commissions, reports of the Ombudsmen and public scrutiny. Second, the regulation of natural persons is also in flux as the nature of criminalised conduct changes, protections in favour of freedom of speech are stressed, and the interactions between defamation and journalism is tested in high-profile cases.

In marking the start of a new decade, this symposium presents an opportunity to assess the changes that have occurred in the institutional and regulatory landscape, canvas the challenges that these developments present, and map a course for law reform, both practical and theoretical.

The following list is illustrative, but by no means exhaustive, of topics suitable for the symposium:

- Regulatory changes in light of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, or Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability;
- Administrative law responses to privatisation and the use of automated decision-making in government services;
- The impact of technology and labour market changes on the employment law and industrial relations system, such as the rise of the gig-economy, subcontracting and labour hire;
- Developments in freedom of speech protections; and
- Contemporary applications and limitations of defamation law.

Submissions for the symposium issue will be considered and processed through the *Review's* usual process. This means each submission will be considered by the Editorial Board and may be sent for a double-blind review before they are accepted for publication. More information about our submissions process is available on our Submissions Guidelines.

Kind regards

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