



CONVENOR REPORT ON ALTA INTEREST GROUP SESSION

1. Conference Location (tab once): The University of Waikato
(eg University of Waikato) _____
2. Interest Group Name (tab once): Law and Social Justice
(eg Legal Education) _____
3. Name of Convener (tab once): Rick Sarre
(**Note:** if you are an alternate
convener, please also fill-in #4) _____
4. Standing-In For (tab once): _____
5. Title of Paper(s) and Name of Presenter(s):
(**Note:** Please specify what University/Organisation the Presenter is from)
(eg Law in Australia, Michael Smith, UTS)

(1) *Good practice in remand*, Rick Sarre (UniSA)

(2) *Children's Rights Issues Arising New Issues in Legal Parenthood',
Background Paper to The Right to Identity of Donor Conceived Children*, Claire
Breen (Waikato) (Discrimination and Equal Opportunity paper)

6. Number of Attendees at the Session: 5 _____
7. General:
(Comments, Suggestions, or Additional Activities that took place out side the
session)

It was poorly attended because (I assume) room availability meant that some sessions were held with 14 other options, while others had 4 other options to choose from. Ours was chosen from 15 options which assured its fate (along with many others I am sure).

The planning of which groups would get 5 or 15 attendees was rather capricious I suspect. All interest sessions should have the same no. of options to choose from.

We had planned to have a Paul Moyle paper but he was tied up in another session.

8. In the space below please summarise what happened in this Interest Group session (approx 100 – 150 words, no more than 300 words, this will go in the next *ALTA Newsletter*):

At this year's conference, two papers were presented. The first was from Claire Breen of Waikato. She looked at the current NZ legislation on assisted human reproduction in so far as it addresses the right of a child to access information regarding his or her genetic identity. She identified a number of restrictions in the legislation that govern if and when such information may be accessed and, if so, what type of information is available. She also identified a limitation in the legislation in that it provides no means of signalling to donor-conceived children that they are not genetically related to either one or both of their birth parents.

The second paper was from me, on behalf of myself and two colleagues in Adelaide, on the preliminary findings of a two year research project exploring the major factors that influence the processes and rates of remand in custody and how these factors contribute to variations in custodial remand and bail practices. The full report will be available from the Criminology Research Council website later in 2005.

We look forward to Law and Social Justice abstracts being just as diverse and topical at the 2006 conference at VUT.

Thank you for your time and thoughts.

Sincerely,
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