

## **SOUTH PACIFIC LAW SECTION**

This section of the Journal is devoted to South Pacific Law, with the emphasis in this issue being on Constitutional law from the area. It is intended that each edition of the Journal will have a South Pacific Section concentrating on some particular area of South Pacific Law.

The decision to incorporate such a section in the Journal followed the setting up of a South Pacific Legal Studies Group at Q.I.T., in October 1983. This Group, is presently constituted by ten members of the Law School Academic Staff and the Law Librarian. One of the aims of the Group is to promote research into South Pacific law and it was agreed that this research would be disseminated through the Journal.

The South Pacific Legal Studies Group intended initially to concentrate on the larger Islands, such as Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Vanuatu. However this has been extended to include the Solomon Islands, Western Samoa, Tonga, Kiribah, Tuvalu, and the Cook Islands. Further additions could of course be made if the interests of members so required.

Apart from promoting research the Group's aims include the following:—

1. To build up a comprehensive collection of South Pacific Legal materials.
2. To build up expertise in South Pacific Law.
3. To co-operate with other groups interested in South Pacific Legal Studies. At the moment such groups appear to be rapidly increasing. The sharing of information and ideas appears highly desirable, especially as materials are so scarce.

Brisbane is ideally situated for the study of South Pacific law. With an increasing recognition of Australia as one part of a group of South Pacific Countries it seems a logical step to pay more attention to neighbouring legal systems. The region also provides ideal material for comparative studies.

Persons interested in finding out more about the Group should contact Q.I.T. Law School.