

## **GUEST EDITORIAL: EMERGING SCHOLARS' SECTION**

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This issue of the QUT Law Review features an Emerging Scholars' section containing contributions from early career researchers and doctoral students. This section was conceived by the previous General Editor of the journal, Prof Dan Hunter, as a forum to showcase high-quality legal scholarship from emerging scholars. We are grateful to Prof Hunter for his work on this initiative.

There are two articles in the Emerging Scholars' section of the current issue of the journal. The first, by Lisa Archbold, addresses the highly topical issue of Australia's offshore processing of asylum seekers and its international law obligations in this area. Archbold highlights a number of concerns over Australia's use of Papua New Guinea and Nauru as offshore processing centres, before recommending ways of improving the regional processing framework.

The second article is by Evan Hamman, and examines the emerging area of civic crowdfunding, a subset of crowdfunding, as a means of financing public interest environmental litigation. Using a recent case study, Hamman argues that civic crowdfunding can provide a cost-effective and highly practical form of public engagement in legal processes, although he warns that further research is needed into this relatively new field. The next General Issue of the QUT Law Review will also feature two articles by emerging scholars.

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