

From the Editor

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Welcome to the Spring/Summer number of the *Australasian Parliamentary Review*. Unusually, at least in recent times, all the articles in this number of the journal are contributions to a special issue; in this case, one on ‘Parliament as a Gendered Workplace’. Sonia Palmieri, Blair Williams and Marian Sawer, who brought together this collection of articles, explain the genesis and coverage of this special issue in their introductory article. Earlier drafts of the articles were presented at a July 2021 workshop co-sponsored by the Australian Political Studies Association and the Global Institute for Women and Leadership at the Australian National University. Five of the eight articles then went through the *Australasian Parliamentary Review’s* normal refereeing process. Along with the other three articles, the articles were then edited and formatted for publication.

Taken together, these articles present an extensive analysis of the contemporary Australian Parliament as a gendered workplace, an analysis that incorporates the wider context of that workplace. The articles will undoubtedly be a ‘go to’ resource on the topic for future scholars wanting to understand the Australian Parliament’s gender dynamics and crises during the last few years. More importantly, they contribute proposals for reform that practitioners could take up to help address the issues of gendered assault, harassment, bullying and unequal treatment on which the articles focus. These reform proposals are not solely directed at parliamentarians but include measures directed at other key political actors, such as news workers and party officials.

This issue of the *Australasian Parliamentary Review* continues its emphasis on providing scholarly and practitioner insights into contemporary debates and developments in and affecting parliaments throughout Australasia. In my time as editor, I have tried to strengthen that contemporary emphasis, balancing the need for timely articles with the need for articles that are peer-reviewed and authoritative. In this, I have been immensely helped by many different anonymous referees who have given their time and expertise to review papers, and by authors who have responded with good grace to suggested changes arising from the reviewing process. I have also been helped by our web publisher, Dan Brown, who has made the *Australasian Parliamentary Review’s* transition from a paper-based journal to an established online journal a far easier process than it might have been.

This is my last issue as editor of the *Australasian Parliamentary Review*. My successor is Dr Sarah Moulds from Law at the University of South Australia. As many of you would know, Dr Moulds is an expert on Parliament, particularly on the roles of parliamentary committees in protecting rights, and on Parliament's engagement with the people. She is a leading figure in the International Parliamentary Engagement Network (IPEN). Among her other IPEN activities, Dr Moulds co-convened a major international online event on *Public Engagement and its Impact on Parliaments* in March this year, which was discussed in the Autumn/Winter 2021 issue of this journal. I am very confident that the *Australasian Parliamentary Review* will thrive under her editorship.