



Australian Government

Australian Law Reform Commission



The ALRC in partnership with ALSA presents the

Kirby Cup 09

Law Reform Competition

for students with a passion for law reform

The Kirby Cup Law Reform Competition is a unique opportunity for Australian law students to gain recognition for their vision for law reform. The Kirby Cup is organised and sponsored by the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), in collaboration with the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA).

What is involved?

To enter, teams of two students must provide a written submission (maximum 15 pages) on a topic of law reform set by the ALRC. This year's topic is Animal Welfare Law Reform. The question for this year is:

What are the key issues that arise from the present federal regulatory framework for animal welfare? In considering appropriate law reform recommendations, assess whether Codes of Practice for animal welfare provide a reliable & satisfactory mechanism for regulating animal welfare; or whether a national Animal Welfare Act or harmonisation of State/Territory legislation would be more appropriate.

Based on written entries, up to three teams will be invited to participate in an oral advocacy round to be held in Brisbane in July, during the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Conference. The teams advancing to the oral advocacy round will present their proposal to an expert judging panel convened by an ALRC Commissioner.

Please note: Should you be selected to continue to the oral advocacy round the ALRC is not able to provide any financial assistance for your participation.

Recognition

The winners will have their names engraved on the perpetual Kirby Cup, which was donated by the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG. In addition, a summary of the winning entry will be published in the ALRC's journal *Reform* and on the ALRC's website.

Key Dates

Teams wishing to participate must register for the competition by **10 April 2009**, registration forms are available on the ALRC's website. Entries must then be submitted to the ALRC by **4 May 2009**. The oral advocacy component will be in Brisbane during the ALSA Conference, being held 13-19 July 2009.

For more information

Detailed information on the competition is available from the ALRC website

www.alrc.gov.au/kirbycup