Policy on Publication

1. Submission of Articles

The Australian Indigenous Law Review (‘AILR’) strongly encourages submissions from Indigenous authors. While publishing many articles by lawyers, judges and legal academics, the AILR also publishes work by sociologists, educators, economists, political scientists, medical practitioners, historians and philosophers, and openly welcomes inter-disciplinary submissions.

Submissions should conform to the style and referencing conventions of the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (2nd ed, 2002), which can be downloaded from http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/PDFs/aglc_dl.pdf. The AILR generally publishes articles of between 5000 and 15 000 words including references, though submissions with word lengths falling outside of these limits may be considered.

In submitting to the AILR, authors warrant that:

- they are the owner of copyright in the article and are entitled to grant rights to the article;
- their article is an original contribution, except in respect of any extracts from other copyright material for which permission for use has been obtained;
- their article does not infringe any copyright, moral right or right of privacy or confidentiality or any other right whatsoever of any person;
- their article is not defamatory of any persons and does not contain material which may be sub-judice or if published may constitute a contempt of judicial proceedings; and
- their article has not been previously published, and is not under consideration to be published, by another magazine, journal, website or in any other form of media, all in accordance with the laws of New South Wales. The Indigenous Law Centre (‘ILC’), and the AILR and its Editors, are indemnified by authors for any breaches of these warranties and for any liability that may arise from such breaches in the publication or reproduction of their article.
2. **Review of Articles**

All submissions will be reviewed by the Editors in order to ascertain their suitability for publication in the AILR. Decisions made by the Editors as to whether to publish submissions in the AILR are final.

If deemed suitable for publication, submissions will be subject to a rigorous, industry-standard, double-blind peer review process which engages the expertise of two appropriately qualified academics for each submission. Though the Editors will, where possible, endeavour to engage the services of Indigenous referees, the primary focus is on referees with the requisite expertise in the relevant subject area. The anonymity of both authors and referees in the review process remains paramount, and the Editors will not disclose the identity of authors to referees, or of referees to authors, under any circumstances. Authors should be aware that the review process generally takes one to two months to complete, and may take longer than this.

Submissions may also be submitted for legal review by a lawyer selected by the Editors or the ILC. The Editors may require that submissions be amended in accordance with the advice of the referees or lawyer.

3. **The Editing Process**

All articles accepted for publication in the AILR undergo a thorough editing process, which entails the correction of spelling, syntax and grammar mistakes, the editing of references to conform to house style, and the occasional revision to clarify meaning. Any significant changes made to an article during the editing process will be submitted to the author for approval.

Where referencing is unclear the author may be asked to supply further details. Authors are responsible for checking the accuracy of all references, as well as obtaining permission to quote copyright sources.
4. **Copyright and Licencing of Articles**

Where a submission is accepted for publication in the AILR, copyright in the article remains with the author. Authors grant the ILC, publisher of the AILR, a non-exclusive licence to:

- use, reproduce, communicate to the public and publish their article in one edition of the AILR; and
- electronically reproduce, communicate to the public and publish the article as it appears in the AILR on the ILC’s website and/or to authorise its licensees to reproduce and publish the article on their websites.

Subject to any rights assigned to collecting societies, authors agree that any royalties received directly by the ILC in relation to the publication or reproduction of their article may be kept by the ILC for its not-for-profit activities.

5. **Free Copy of the AILR**

Authors are entitled to one free copy of the edition of the AILR in which their contribution initially appears.

6. **Subsequent Publication of the Article**

Any subsequent publication of the article by the author, whether in print, online or in any other form or medium, shall acknowledge the AILR as the first publisher of the article.

7. **Further Information**

More detailed information on the AILR’s editorial and publication policies can be found in the AILR Writer Agreement, available on the AILR website. Further inquiries can be made via email to ailr@unsw.edu.au and should be addressed to the Editors.