

FOREWORD

It is a great privilege to be asked to provide this foreword to the UWA Law Review's special edition on Health Law and Policy. The law relating to health and medicine has long been a particular interest of mine, dealing as it does with the intersection of two human enterprises that have deep historical roots: the law and medicine. The depth and variety of the articles in this edition of the UWA Law Review, however, remind us that there will always be new challenges that both the law and medicine must face to meet the contemporary needs of society. Many of the issues discussed in the edition raise complex issues that would have been unheard of only decades ago: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of artificial intelligence and high-risk technologies, national disability schemes, and assisted dying. All of these issues require careful deliberation and examination, of the kind evident in these articles, to ensure that new policies and innovations respect long established and important values of the law, including human dignity, personal autonomy and public accountability. I commend the edition to all.

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