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PREFACE

This book deals with the law governing the investigation of crime in Australia.

In it I have canvassed the traditional topics in the area, such as arrest, and search and seizure. The book also deals extensively with the rules of evidence concerning the reception into evidence of confessional statements. I felt that a study of the law of criminal investigation would be incomplete without a thorough review of these rules; for given that they are concerned in the main with the exclusion of confessional statements by reference to the circumstances surrounding the making of these statements, they bear directly upon the procedures to be employed by the police in questioning suspects, which activity is of course integral to the process of criminal investigation. I have dealt with the rules of evidence concerning the exclusion of real evidence on the basis that it was obtained by unlawful or unfair means, and the reception and treatment of identification evidence, for the same reason, i.e., their relevance to the procedures to be employed in the investigation of crime.

I have also discussed, relatively briefly, the Criminal Investigation Bill, which was introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament in 1981. As at the date of this preface, the Bill was still before the Parliament.

I have sought to state the law as it was to be found in the Australian jurisdictions in March 1982.

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