

## PREFACE

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Working Papers 3.1-3.4 as well as Appendices 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 are products of a more complex process, in which Wolfers wrote an introductory paper (Background Paper No. 95, 'Enacting Legislation', which is not reprinted in this volume); Larmour surveyed the distribution of the powers, functions and staff of government in Solomon Islands, aided by a list of laws in force compiled by Philip Tegavotu, a law student at the University of Papua New Guinea whose services were made available by the Guadalcanal Provincial Government, and terms of reference for the survey of staff drawn up by Wolfers; Larmour then prepared a set of recommendations about how powers, functions and staff might be redistributed to give expression to the views emerging in the Special Committee, and reported them in documents prepared with Wolfers (Working Papers 3.1 and 3.2, and Appendices 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1); Ghai devised a system to give the Special Committee's decision legal effect; Wolfers with Ghai and Larmour prepared a general option-paper (Working Paper 3.3); and Ghai set out his unique solution (Working Paper 3.4(a)), which was subsequently amended by himself and Wolfers (in Working Paper 3.4(b)).

A key to the original sources of the working papers and appendices in this volume appears in Appendix B.

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