

## **Marital rape**

The Commission's 1988 Report on [Rape and Allied Offences](#) (LRC 24 – 1988) recommended amending the *Criminal Law (Rape) Act 1981* to widen the definition of rape beyond its traditional scope to include use of implements in sexual assault. This was implemented in section 4 of the *Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990* (now usually referred to as “section 4 rape”). The 1988 Report also recommended abolishing the marital rape exemption, and this too was implemented in the *Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990*.