ABBREVIATIONS

ACCC Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

ACIP Advisory Council on Intellectual Property

the Act Patents Act 1990 (Cth)

AHMAC Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

the ALRC report The report by the Australian Law Reform Commission, Genes

and ingenuity: gene patenting and human health (June 2004)

ASX Australian Securities Exchange

AUSFTA Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

BCNA Breast Cancer Network Australia

BRCA genes The BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, which are associated with a

predisposition to developing breast and ovarian cancer

CCA Cancer Council Australia

the Commissioner Commissioner of Patents

CVNSW Cancer Voices NSW

the Department Department of Health and Ageing

DIISR Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

the Ergas Report Review of intellectual property legislation under the

Competition Principles Agreement

HCV hepatitis C virus

HGSA Human Genetics Society of Australasia

ICGC International Cancer Genome Consortium

IP intellectual property

IPAC Intellectual Property Advisory Committee

IPC International Patent Classification

IPCRC Intellectual Property and Competition Review Committee

IPRIA Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia

IPTMAA Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia

JJFC Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies

LCA Law Council of Australia

the MPO case Association of Medical Pathology and Others v The United

States Patent and Trademark Office and Myriad Genetics, Inc.

and Others

Myriad Myriad Genetics Ltd

NHMRC National Health and Medical Research Council

the NRDC case National Research Development Corporation v The

Commissioner of Patents (1959) 102 CLR 252

PBS Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

PMCC Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

RCPA Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia

SACGHS United States Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics,

Health, and Society

TPA Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth)

TRIPS Agreement Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights

USPTO United States Patent and Trademark Office

WEHI Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

WTO World Trade Organization