

## **JOURNAL OF SOUTH PACIFIC LAW (JSPL) GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION**

### **SUBJECT MATTER**

The *Journal of South Pacific Law* considers submissions dealing with law and/or non-state justice systems in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia, or that are of relevance to those subjects and regions. Submissions that primarily deal with other areas will be considered if it is clear how the content of the article relates to those subjects and the region.

### **CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The JSPL publishes (blind) peer-reviewed submissions in the following categories:

- *Articles* make a scholarly contribution to our discipline, supported in the text by citations to existing scholarship. Reviewed by two referees, they normally range from 6,000-8,000 words.
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- *Conference papers* are texts presented at conferences. They may range from 2,000-10,000 words.
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- *Reviews* reflect on a recent publication. They normally range from 750-1000 words.
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Footnotes should generally be reserved for references rather than additional discussion.

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