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Dear Charter Review Committee Members,

We thank you for the opportunity to comment. We write to encourage you to abolish the whole concept of a so called 'Human Rights Charter' please, because

1. There are already many Laws & Acts of Parliament which protect ordinary Citizens in their day to day lives at home, work, school, sport and every other part of day to day living. Most of these laws have been tried and tested over many incidents and years.

2. We believe, before this Charter, the Victorian Law as provided by various legislation and the Australian Constitution provided ample protection for Citizens and those visitors and Visa holders within Australian borders and indeed there is also some protection provided for Australian citizens who are travelling overseas.

3. We believe in regard to the previous point that it would better serve the general Public and the tax money being spent on this Review if the Members could make sure that these existing protections were in fact properly implemented by making certain that Law Enforcement Bodies were well funded and given back the right they had enjoyed, to enforce the Law without fear or favour.

The Australian Constitution also could be better enabled to ensure the rights contained therein were met as was intended. Unfortunately there has been a thrust to downgrade the Constitution with amendments and By-Laws over many years and by successive Commonwealth Governments of all persuasions to 'suit the agendas' of each political party. This has not helped the freedoms and rights which were intended and which served us well for many, many years. Perhaps the review could be the means of this being righted, at least in Victoria, and Citizens again be truly protected as was intended when the Constitution was set into the Legal system of our country. What a lead this would be for the rest of the country but one which we fear will not be
attempted even by this present Victorian Government, despite the rhetoric.

In closing we would commend the Victorian Government for taking up their promise to look at the Charter and in implementing the Review. We are encouraged that as you look at the evidence perhaps real justice will be ensured and this piece of propaganda, (Charter of Rights) which already has seen many decisions made which are not conducive to the common good, will actually be seen for what it is and be 'binned.'

Thank you again, our thoughts are with you all as we await your Report.

Yours faithfully,
Marion & John Minty
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