Mr Edward O'Donohue MLC
Chairperson
Scrubting of Acts and Regulations Committee
Parliament of Victoria
Melbourne, Vic 3002

Dear Sir,

In reference to the Review of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act, 2006, I wish to make a submission to the committee.

It is imperative that the rights of Victorians are protected according to the world's best practices and principles. In the absence of an Australian Bill of Rights, the Victorian Charter is vitally important in defining and protecting our human rights. In this respect, the Charter should be protected and extended.

All legislation in Victoria should conform to the highest standards of human rights, setting the standard for our community.

The rise of racial and homophobic bullying is also of great concern and I hope that the Charter is further empowered to address these issues at every level of our society.

Finally, I would hope for greater public education to ensure that people are fully informed about human rights and their personal responsibilities in relation to these.

Yours Sincerely, Alyson Hatton