Review of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities
Submission from Women’s Electoral Lobby Victoria Inc. (WEL)

1. Amendments to the Charter should include all relevant sections of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

2. There should be mandatory regular auditing of public authorities to assess compliance with human rights.

3. The Charter should include further provisions with respect to legal proceedings that may be brought or remedies that may be awarded in relation to acts or decisions of public authorities made unlawful by the Charter.

4. Human Rights should apply only to live births.

5. The Victorian Charter is preferable to a Parliamentary Bill because a Charter is advisory and allows discussion of any particular issue.

6. Significant action on violence against women in the domestic and public sphere must be included.

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To: Mr. Edward O'Donohue MLC, Chairperson, Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee

Attached is the submission from Women's Electoral Lobby Victoria, Inc. (WEL) in support of enhancements to the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, due by 1 July 2011.

See www.welvic.org.au for extensive information and contact details about our organisation, which has been advocating for women's rights since its inauguration in Melbourne in 1972.

Thank you,

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