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Charter of Human Rights Review

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been a disaster

It was introduced without a referendum. Electors’ democratic human rights were ignored.

It has been hijacked by criminals including killers, pedophiles and drug dealers

It has being used by lobby groups to push their social agendas

It has placed unelected judges in a more powerful position than elected legislators.

It has divided the community.

The whole notion of Human Rights has been brought into disrepute

The Human Rights arm of the United Nations has been composed of nations whose abuse of Human Rights is legend. It has witnessed and ignored the fate of millions whose Human Rights have been disgracefully treated.

The Human Rights Charter is unnecessary

Human Rights are already being protected in the Australian common law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other conventions to which Australia is a signatory.

Problems inherent in the Human Rights Charter concept

There is no agreed understanding of the concept

The administrators of the Charter will naturally imprint their personal biases on issues before them
Fundamental aspects of human rights are excluded from the charter

No one knows when the Charter overrules rights already long established in law

The economic costs related to the administration of the Charter cannot be estimated

Clashes of rights will constantly occur

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities should be abandoned

Because it is a divisive, costly, undemocratic and inherently unjust document and administration the Charter and its infrastructure should be abandoned.

If the Charter continues to exist fundamental rights need to be protected

The Review Committee should ensure that the following rights are enshrined in any ‘Charter’:

The right of unborn children to life.

The right of children born in attempted abortions to be afforded all medical assistance to live.

The right of all pregnant mothers to pregnancy support.

The right of medical professionals to non participation in abortions and abortion referrals.

The right of all humans to know full details of ‘research’ on their bodies and to agree to such research.

The right of the unborn to be protected from experimentation under the Nuremberg Code of 1949.

The right of mothers, being encouraged to abort their child, to be informed of all implications.

The right to free speech. The right to discuss all ideologies, religions, products etc, with impunity.

Yours faithfully

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