Secretary of Acts and
Regulations Committee
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Regulations Committee

The Charter of Human Rights and
Responsibilities, passed into law by State Parliament
in 2002, was flawed from the start, and should never
have been presented there in its present form.

Indeed, given what has happened since its passage, one
questions whether it should have been convened at all.

The Charter's 15-person Committee, set up
by the previous Labor Government, was chaired by
a long-time advocate for Bills of Rights, and was
brought in from another state to oversee the legislation.
Also, there was not a single known opponent to
the Bill appointed to the Committee. Another member
was best known worldwide for his process as a basket baller, but as far as I know, not for his
familiarity in legal matters. Furthermore, declarations got away to an indistinguishable reality. It had to be
explained that there can't be rights without responsibilities, so "and responsibilities " had to be
added to the original title " Charter of Human Rights."

In a 50-page document seeking submissions from the general public, the overwhelming
majority (54 deliberate) was to stamp out and derogate the greatest right of all — that to life itself.

For example, in a list of suggested rights on which the paper called for comment, as a field of 13, the
greatest and most important right ranked

Number 9. Therefore, under the heading "Right to Life," the document deals with this in some 30 or so
words: subsequently reduced to 18 in the future.

Itself to read "Every person has the right to life"

And no person may be arbitrarily deprived of the

Right to law. There is again the recommendation that

Future resolutions in the Act relating to life itself

Were not to apply to current and future cases

Relating to abortion, were accepted in Spring St. Neil.

And, abortion was completely decriminalised in this

State in 2028? - excepted under the Act dealing with the

Issue on some handful of weeks, but which cost

The death of some 38,000 annually in Victoria.
I have read recently an article by a University Professor of Law calling for the repeal of the 2006 Act, and claiming that this treacherous piece of legislation has not done anything the anti-choice proponents claimed it would. (Bill of Rights Fails to Deliver at "[11] Sun. 6/11")

I respectfully suggest your recommend that the government follow the Professor's lead, and repeal the dubious 2006 Legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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