

# Media Release

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## REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER TABLED

Attorney-General Martin Pakula today tabled a report which reviewed Victoria's Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

In March, the Andrews Labor government appointed Michael Brett Young, former CEO of the Law Institute of Victoria, to lead the 2015 review of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

The review was the first step in delivering the Government's election commitment to refresh the Charter and resume public education to embed the values of freedom, respect, equality and dignity in Victorian society.

The report makes recommendations to strengthen human rights culture and make the Charter more accessible, effective and practical.

The review conducted over 60 face-to-face meetings, held eight open community forums and received 109 written submissions, ensuring a range views and experiences informed the recommendations made in the report.

The government will now consider the 52 recommendations of the review, and will respond in due course.

### Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

*"The review is the first step in improving the Human Rights Charter, ensuring its ongoing effectiveness in protecting the fundamental rights of Victorians."*

*"The Government is committed to refreshing the Charter and restoring human rights to their proper place."*

*"I thank those who contributed to the review and look forward to considering the recommendations."*