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The Human Rights Consultative Committee asked the HSV to comment on their report to the Victorian Government. We made the following points in response:

- * We find the report an impressive and informative document.
- * Victorian Humanists are pleased by the inclusion of responsibilities in the Charter as we always supported a nexus between rights and responsibilities.
- * We support most of the recommendations made and comment on some.
- * Breaches of compliance with the Charter should incur a specified penalty.
- * Old statutes as well as new legislation should be examined for compatibility with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.
- * We express our disappointment that the vital economic, social, and cultural rights will not be included in this Charter at present and hope that at the review of this Bill in four years these essential rights will be included.

[See also 2005.8]