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Liberty Victoria submission on the Victorian Law Reform Commission 'Contempt of Court' Consultation paper

Introduction

Liberty Victoria is committed to the defence and advancement of human rights and civil liberties. We seek to promote Australia's compliance with the rights recognised by international law and the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic). We are a frequent contributor to federal and state committees of inquiry, and we campaign extensively for better protection of human rights in the community. More information on our organisation and activities can be found at:

<https://libertyvictoria.org.au/>.

Endorsement of the Criminal Bar Association's submission and recommendations

We have had the opportunity to consider the detailed submission of the Criminal Bar Association of Victoria, and we respectfully endorse it and its recommendations.

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In particular, we endorse the submission that there should be fault elements that must be proved to establish breaches of prohibitions and restrictions on publication under the law of contempt, the Judicial Proceedings Reports Act and the Open Courts Act (see paragraph 55, 68 and 106 of the Criminal Bar Association's Submissions).

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Liberty Victoria President Jessie Taylor, or the Liberty office on 9670 6422 or info@libertyvictoria.org.au.

This is a public submission and is not confidential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessie Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Jessie Taylor, President

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