

Submission No. 45



VICTORIA POLICE

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Dear Professor Rees,

Victorian Law Reform Commission (VLRC) Review of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1986* – Information Paper

Thank you for your letter dated 4 March 2010 and the opportunity to comment on the VLRC information paper regarding the review of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1986*.

As Victoria Police is not involved in the regulation of this Act, we have no comment or issues in relation to the specific issues posed in the information paper. I do however take this opportunity to highlight the importance of the following key issues to be considered in the review:-

- The need for clarity regarding when and how service providers can contact a Guardian or Administrator, and the extent of their decision making power. From a policing perspective, this is particularly important where there is a need for informed consent.
- Consideration as to the status of Guardians and Administrators under the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*.

Victoria Police looks forward to further consultation as the review progresses. If you have any further queries, the contact officer is Acting Senior Sergeant Jon Ellks

Yours sincerely,

Sir Ken Jones QPM
Chief Commissioner

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