

# VICTORIAN COALITION OF ABI SERVICE PROVIDERS INC.



## RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF VICTORIAN CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Victorian Coalition of ABI Service Providers Inc. (VCASP) acknowledge the current capacity, and the potential of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights to ensure equitable rights for all Victorians, including people with acquired brain injury.

As a peak-body representing organisations working within the area of ABI, VCASP has been made aware of the numerous benefits of the Charter, in protecting the inherent rights of people with an ABI. Areas in which agencies utilising rights-based approaches may apply the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the provision of alternative options for young people within, or at risk of entry to nursing homes, the protection of the rights of individuals with catastrophic brain injuries 'unfit to be tried' within the justice system, and recognition and equality before the law.

With the potential advent of the Disability Care and Support (NDIS) Scheme in 2014, VCASP believes that a Charter of Human Rights, incorporating human rights as articulated in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, including the right of self-determination, is a vital and requisite element of Victoria's progression towards a NDIS Scheme.

A Victorian pilot and roll-out of the NDIS Scheme, which bases its principles on the Charter of Human Rights, and which builds upon the positive interventions to be found within the disability sector, can, in league with appropriate policy, result in a Victorian disability scheme which leads disability practice across the nation and by implication a Charter of Human Rights which truly represents and protects the rights of **all** people with a disability, their carers and families.

Victorian Coalition of ABI Service Providers Inc. welcomes this opportunity to comment in relation to this important review of the Human Rights Charter, and looks forward to the Charter review findings.