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Inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011

Submission of Liberty Victoria to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Liberty Victoria is one of Australia's leading human rights and civil liberties organisations. It is concerned with the protection and promotion of civil liberties throughout Australia. As such, Liberty is actively involved in the development and revision of Australia's laws and systems of government. Further information on our activities may be found at www.libertyvictoria.org.au.

Liberty Victoria has been concerned with the welfare of asylum seekers for many years, and welcomes the opportunity to submit to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011.

Liberty Victoria strongly supports the adoption of the Bill and its passage into law.

Liberty Victoria has had the opportunity to read the excellent submissions of the Human Rights Law Resource Centre and the UNSW Faculty of Law Migrant & Refugee Rights Project.

Liberty Victoria wishes to endorse those two submissions, and heartily encourages the adoption of the recommendations contained therein.

We thank you for the extension of time granted. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission further please contact _____ through the Liberty Victoria office on _____