



GPO Box 3161
Melbourne, VIC 3001
t 03 9670 6422
info@libertyvictoria.org.au

PRESIDENT
Professor Spencer Zifcak

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT
Georgia King-Siem

VICE-PRESIDENTS
Jamie Gardiner
Anne O'Rourke
Rachel Ball

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Michael Pearce SC

www.libertyvictoria.org.au

26 April 2012

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

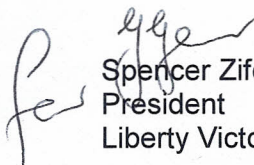
**Inquiry into the Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 and
Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012**

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 fully supports the adoption of the two Bills and their passage into law. Both are well crafted and are to be commended, providing a welcome mechanism for resolving complaints against federal judges and for the establishment of a Parliamentary Commission to look into allegations of misbehaviour or incapacity.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission further please contact Prof. Spencer Zifcak or Gillian Garner through the Liberty Victoria office on 9670 6422 or info@libertyvictoria.org.au. This is a public submission and is not confidential.

Yours sincerely


Spencer Zifcak
President
Liberty Victoria