

# Charter of Human Rights

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 is a law that protects the human rights of all people in Victoria.

From 1 January 2008 the Charter requires all public authorities, including local councils, to act compatibly with human rights in the delivery of services and when making decisions.

Bayside City Council recognises and respects that everyone has the same human rights entitlement to allow them to participate in, and contribute to, society and our community. We recognise that all persons have equal rights in the provision of, and access to, Council services and facilities. When determining whether a right can be reasonably limited, the interests of all the parties are balanced and considered.

The Charter sets out a list of twenty rights that assist all people to live with freedom, respect, equality and dignity.

For more information on the Charter visit:

**Department of Justice website**

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/humanrights/>

**Human Rights Commission website**

<http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/Home.asp>