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**Liberty Victoria Submission on the Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010**

To the Senate Committee

Liberty Victoria welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

Liberty Victoria fully supports the small amendment stating that 'human beings, and the biological processes for their generation, are not patentable inventions'.

We believe that it is necessary to ensure protection of biological material. Biological processes are not inventions but come under discovery. In addition, we strongly believe ownership of biological material offends human dignity. Humans, or indeed their parts should not be owned by private citizens or biotechnology companies.

However, we wish to make a small suggestion that 'gene sequences' should be added to the definitions of biological materials under s18(4).

Yours sincerely

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