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Inquiry into the Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations

The Victorian Council for Civil Liberties (Liberty Victoria) would like officially endorse PilchConnect's (PILCH) submission to the Senate Inquiry.

Liberty Victoria is one of Australia's leading human rights and civil liberties organisations. It traces its history back to 1936 and has been campaigning for human rights for 70 years. Liberty works to defend and extend human rights and freedoms in Victoria. Liberty believes in a society based on the democratic participation of all its members and the principles of justice, openness, the right to dissent and respect for diversity.

Not-for-profit organisations play an integral part to ensuring a vibrant, open democracy and also to providing services and a voice to those who do not enjoy, to the fullest extent possible, their human rights and freedoms. As such, it is vitally important that the Government reforms the regulatory regime of not-for-profit organisations to ensure that this sector can thrive in Australian society.

Liberty Victoria has read the PILCH's submission and agrees with the recommendations made.

Yours Sincerely,

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