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Human rights shame

IT was a shame to read that the campaign for a human rights law appears to have stalled (Mercury, March 12). Tasmanians overwhelmingly want a Charter of Rights.

Consider the following: the Law Reform Institute's review received a record 407 community submissions, of which 94 per cent were favourable. By comparison, Victoria's submission process had an 84 per cent favourability rate, with the Victorian Government passing legislation to create a Human Rights Charter in July 2006, just six months after its consultation report was handed down.

In other areas of law reform, Tasmania has been happy to lead and not follow. Is Labor really offering a "culturally confident and socially progressive" agenda or is it ignoring community sentiment on a key policy challenge: enhancing the human rights of all Tasmanians? It is a shame this Government lacks both courage and conviction.

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