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**We invite** you to register for this one day event that will discuss developments in the protection of human rights by Australian charters and human rights acts. The conference provides an important opportunity to examine the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, the ACT Human Rights Act and other charters of rights. Leading Australian and international speakers will address the role of judges in assessing limitations on rights and the use of international and comparative law, the intersection of anti-discrimination laws with human rights legislation, the effect of human rights protection on the private sector and the relevance of human rights in criminal trials. The day is aimed at both a legal and non-legal audience.

We hope to see you in Melbourne on 3 October 2008.

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program

- 8.30 **Registrations open**
- 9:15 **Conference welcome**
- 9:20 **Opening address**  
The Hon Robert McClelland MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General
- 9:40 **Human rights Acts in Australia: current developments**  
**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities**  
Associate Professor Carolyn Evans, Melbourne Law School  
**ACT Human Rights Act**  
Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Australian National University  
**State of play in other Australian jurisdictions**  
Edward Santow, University of New South Wales
- 10.45 **Morning tea**
- 11:15 **Limiting rights under a human rights Act**  
**A New Zealand perspective**  
The Rt Hon Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias, Supreme Court of New Zealand  
**A United Kingdom perspective (via DVD)**  
Lord Justice Sir Stephen Sedley, Court of Appeal of England and Wales  
**Response**  
The Hon Justice Marcia Neave, Court of Appeal, Victoria
- 12.50 **Lunch**
- 1.45 **A comparative law perspective on human rights Acts**  
Professor Johannes Chan SC, University of Hong Kong  
**Response**  
Joanna Davidson, Special Counsel Human Rights, Victorian Government  
Solicitor's Office
- 2:50 **Afternoon tea**
- 3.10 **Human rights Acts in practice**  
**Equality rights and the relationship with anti-discrimination legislation**  
Debbie Mortimer SC, Victorian Bar  
**Australian human rights Acts and the private sector**  
Sally Sheppard, Partner, Clayton Utz (Melbourne)  
**Human rights in the criminal trial**  
Associate Professor Jeremy Gans, University of Melbourne
- 5:00 **Conference close**

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