

# International Commission of Jurists Victoria

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## Our Purpose and Principles

The International Commission of Jurists Victoria (ICJV) is a non-governmental organisation composed of jurists in Victoria, including judges, lawyers, law students, and academics. It exists with the aim of advancing the objectives of the Geneva-based **International Commission of Jurists** (the Commission) and working to ensure the application of our shared principles, which include:

Affirming that human rights and humanitarian law are essential to achieve the goals of a just, democratic, peaceful and humane society.

Affirming that the rule of law is indispensable to safeguard and advance all human rights.

Recognising that an independent judiciary and legal profession, maintaining the highest ethical standards, assume a primary role in achieving these goals.

## Putting this into Practice

Human rights, as articulated in international standards, are universal, interdependent and indivisible. As an independent sub-national affiliate of the Commission, ICJV's primary focus is on the application of these rights in Victoria and Australia, including through the advancement of the rule of law. We also engage with broader rule of law issues in the Asia-Pacific region, where appropriate to our aims and experience.

Through an apolitical focus on legal principles and analysis, ICJV aims to do work that is impactful, deliberative, and substantive. Much of our engagement involves making submissions on topics that involve rule of law and human rights issues, and hosting events or providing other opportunities for dialogue and education on these themes.

## ICJV Membership

ICJV's output depends on the advice, research, time and expertise of our membership to promote the rule of law and advance human rights. You can learn more by signing up to our mailing list and can support our work further by **becoming a member**.

You are also welcome to meet with a current member of the Executive or attend a meeting of the Executive by emailing **secretary@icjvictoria.com.au**.

*[Promoting the Rule of Law to Advance Human Rights](#)*