



Inquiry into Victoria's Justice System

Fiona McCormack
Victims of Crime Commissioner

20 September 2021

Timeline

- **2006** – Victims' Charter introduced in Victoria
- **2015** – Victims of Crime Commissioner Act
- **2016** – VLRC Review into the Role of Victims of Crime in the Criminal Trial Process
- **2018** – Amendments made to both the Victims' Charter and the VOCC Act

Victims' Charter

The Victims' Charter states the rights and entitlements victims should expect, including recognition:

- as a participant in criminal proceedings
- of victims inherent interest in the justice process
- of victims legal right to make a complaint.

Many people in our community experience unimaginable harm from crime.

The justice system should recognise the impact of crime on victims, their families and witnesses to such crimes

Victim of Crime Commissioner

The role of the Victims of Crime Commissioner is to advocate for cultural change in the justice system to ensure the recognition, recognition and inclusion of victims of crime.

The Commissioner has three critical powers :

- Undertaking systemic inquiries
- Receiving and investigating victim complaints about breaches of the Victims' Charter
- Monitoring and reporting on compliance with the Victims' Charter by specific justice and victims' support agencies.