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Dear Mr Hamill

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2017 about the Commission's draft Charter of Consultation and Regulatory Practice.

The draft Charter is well considered and the Commission's role, principles, functions and approach to stakeholder engagement and consultation, and regulatory practice are clearly articulated.

Many of the Charter's principles are consistent with the department's own regulatory practice principles. The department is developing a department-wide Better Regulatory Practice Framework and individual regulator plans for each of the department's eleven regulators. The framework provides a clear focus on regulatory outcomes, a risk-based approach to regulation and improving engagement with regulated entities.

The draft Charter will support continuing engagement between the department and Commission. Once the Charter is finalised the department would welcome meeting with the Commission to discuss our joint approach to improving regulatory practice including under existing memorandums of understanding.

To discuss these matters please contact Marianne Munro, Assistant Director Regulation Reform and Practice on 9096 7748 or via email Marianne.Munro@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Charter and the department looks forward to continuing to engage with the Commission.

Yours sincerely


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Secretary

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