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## HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTERS – HOW IMPORTANT TO IMPROVING GOVERNMENT?

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Many Australian legislatures have enacted or are considering a human rights charter. A core charter objective is to ensure proper respect for human rights principles in government administration. Charters add to the established role of other agencies and mechanisms in improving government administration. What new role will charters play? Are charters necessary to deal with problems in government administration?

John McMillan was appointed Commonwealth Ombudsman in 2003. He is currently on leave from his position as a Professor of Law at The Australian National University. In 2007 he acted in the role of Integrity Commissioner, to establish the new Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity. He is a member of the Administrative Review Council that advises the Government on Administrative Law, and a former President of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law.

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