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**SPECIAL** 

## **EXEMPTION**

Application No. A1/2002

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has considered an application pursuant to Section 83 of the **Equal Opportunity Act** 1995 by Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind for exemption from Sections 42, 100 and 195 of that Act. The application for exemption is to enable the applicant to engage in the specified conduct.

In this exemption "engage in the specified conduct" means to offer to people who attend any fundraising ball conducted by the applicant, a questionnaire (which includes questions as to height, age and marital status and whether or not the person is a smoker, but not as to other attributes, within the meaning of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995), and to arrange seating at the ball for those who complete that questionnaire in accordance with preferences indicated in that questionnaire, and to advertise the availability of that questionnaire and the opportunities for matching people on that basis. The completion of that questionnaire is to be voluntary.

Upon reading the material submitted in support of the application and upon hearing submissions from Mr. S. Hurd and for the Reasons for Decision given by the Tribunal on 8 February 2002, the Tribunal is satisfied that it is appropriate to grant an exemption from Sections 42, 100 and 195 of the Act to enable the applicant to engage in the specified conduct.

The Tribunal hereby grants an exemption to the applicant from the operation of Sections 42, 100 and 195 of the **Equal Opportunity Act** 1995 to enable the applicant to engage in the specified conduct.

This exemption is to remain in force from the day on which notice of the exemption is published in the Government Gazette until 7 February 2005.

Dated 8 February 2002

Ms CATE McKENZIE Deputy President

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