



human rights

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Submission to the National Human Rights Consultation Committee
Have Your Say About Human Rights In Australia

This is your say, your voice. Feel free to answer or leave any question.

Personal Details

My Name is:

If you like, tell the Committee a little about yourself (for example, how old are you, what do you do, what things are important to you?):

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Address:

Postcode: Email:

1. What human rights are important to you? (tick which boxes)

- Making my own decisions – not other people making them for me.
Housing when I need somewhere to stay
The freedom to spend time with whoever I like
Health care when I'm sick
The freedom to go where I want
People should not treat me badly because I am from a different country, am a woman, gay or any other reason that makes me a bit different from others
Being able to buy the basic things I need
The right to join a union to protect me at work
Non discrimination. People should not treat me badly because I have a disability
Being treated with dignity and respect
The right to follow any religion (church) without fear
No bad treatment of me
A fair trial if I have to go to court
The freedom to say what I like, as long as I don't say things that hurt other people
To enjoy and be included in my community
The right to vote in elections, even if I don't have an address or I am in jail

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- My privacy
- Protection of my family and children from anyone hurting them or telling us what to do
- The right to a good education
- Right to have my own culture/language
- The right to work
- Enough money, and pension from the government if I need it
- Enough food and water
- Other (tell us what):

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2. Are my rights protected enough? Do we need better protected human rights in Australia?

A. My human rights in Australia are protected:

- Enough Not enough Don't know

B. If there is a new Human Rights Act should it give special protection to groups of people who are worse off than others? (eg people with no home, people with disability, people who are aboriginal, people from other countries)

- Yes – some groups require extra protection. If yes, which groups?

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- No – people should all have the same protection

C. Do you have any stories of when your rights were protected, or were not protected, by the Government or by public services?

Have you ever been treated unfairly by the government? For example in the areas of housing, Centrelink or access to education or health services.

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3. If change is needed, how should the law be changed to get better human rights?

- A. Do you think Australia needs a special law to better protect human rights?** Yes No

B. If yes, why do you think that Australia should have a special human rights law?

For example, to protect the rights of all Australians; to make sure government treat us fairly and check on them; to protect rights of Australians who are not well looked after; to make sure human rights are protected – does not matter which party is in charge of Australia (eg Labour or Liberal).

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4. Is there anything else you would like to tell the Committee about your experiences or ideas on human rights in Australia?

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Signed:	Date:
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This submission should be posted before **13 June 2009** to:

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