

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

To be brief,
I'd like all those entering our country to be treated with some degree of hospitality. It is not hospitable to lock people up for so long they develop mental illnesses. I'd like the "Saturday School" programs expanded, if possible. For example, many Karen refugees are being transferred to Bendigo and I'm sure it would benefit them to have their language offered through the Bendigo campus of the Victorian School of Languages.

I'm very concerned that we retain our rights to home educate our children without being obliged to use the public school curriculum. I certainly accept the need for inspectors, but they shouldn't come across as anti-home schooling, which unfortunately happens at times. This seems to be a particular problem if the child is behind the average in any way. Inspectors need to understand that children learn at different rates and a lag does not automatically mean the parent is providing an inadequate education.