

# National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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**Organisation:** Coffs Coast Community College  
**Submission Text:**

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Submission to the Human Rights Consultation

All of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human rights should be promoted and protected.

The Committee of the Coffs Coast Community College considers that education encompasses learning opportunities in formal compulsory classes from preschool through to secondary school, vocational and higher education as well as educational programs which are culturally enriching, community developing and personally stimulating. We believe that a broad range of post school educational programs are vital for community well being and personal and economic growth and personal emotional health.

The Coffs Coast Community College Committee would especially urge that any legislation enshrine the right to access to educational opportunities for all people of all ages and intellectual abilities. This access should not be limited by geographic location or size of population. People living in small, isolated communities may have a greater need to be able to address their isolation by taking part in educational opportunities. The challenge of delivery of educational programs to these communities may also address issues of community development

The reason we seek this is because of the inequalities of educational opportunity which exist within New South Wales at present.

We comment particularly in regard to Adult & Community Education  
These inequalities are:

- Uneven provision of facilities within this state
- Poor levels of funding
- Targeting vocational education outcomes to the detriment of a broad cultural enriching education
- Unavailability of a full range of programs in communities outside the cities of Newcastle, Sydney & Wollongong

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