

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Australia has a constitution that embodied a very succinct charter of rights, and this has served us well for over 100 years. It is only as individual states have attempted to pass laws outlining "freedom" that problems have occurred.

Since Victoria passed laws pertaining to "tolerance" they have proved to restrict freedom of speech. It has proved to be a bonanza to the legal profession, providing them with legal cases that have cost mega dollars.

Beliefs about sex and sexual behaviour are essential to many religions. These are matters for religious bodies and their adherents to address -- not for governments to impose, and then lawyers to flesh out with judges who do not fully understand the tenets of the particular faith.

Doctors and nurses (in Victoria) can no longer make decisions based on their personal view of the scantity of human life. This is now legislated against them.

In NSW faith based agencies must pass foster children on to homosexual men.

These new laws were supposed to flesh out the "freedoms" we previously enjoyed!!!

The courts currently are famous for making absurd decisions - i.e. in WA in the past month

1. Hotels cannot discriminate against children, therefore it is impossible to have a hotel catering for adults wanting a quiet weekend away.
2. It is permissible for a child to use the word "fuck" all the time in conversation. I thought the precedent set in the Rodney Rude case showed the "bad language was not acceptable in a public place - but acceptable if restricted to an area where people had paid to attend and the advertising showed the type of language that could be expected to be heard."

Why should baby boomers - who currently make up the largest age bulge of the population, put up with such decisions by our legal profession - as they interpret the laws previously passed by parliament - when parliament certainly did not have these scenarios in mind.

The Tax Act in an example - it was in 1964 one volume - now it has several thousand more pages!!!

We are drowning in legislation - providing a banquet for the lawyers and a minefield and loss of funds for the ordinary citizen, who now has to fight for his/her "rights"