

# National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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**Submission Text:**

I believe all human rights enshrined in the UNDHR not only need promotion in this country, they need protection. We are signatories of such, and should adhere to the protection and promotion of all rights, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural.

"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both." Benjamin Franklin

At the moment we forsake the rights, even of our citizens, through our vague anti-terrorism laws. We empower ASIO with detention rights over people with no lawyer, held under conditions of secrecy. Our laws at present directly violate the conventions and covenants we profess to adhere to.

In alignment with the views of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations, we need to enact comprehensive non-discrimination laws at a Federal level, to redesign the NTER in consultation with indigenous Australians to make them consistent with the RDA (1995), to ensure in legislation that asylum seekers are not repatriated to life threatening situations, or to states where they face the penalty of death, to revisit our immigration policy to end completely the remnants of mandatory detention.

This government did not write these laws, and has already made outstanding progress in righting the wrongs of previous parliaments. This consultation is welcome evidence of that change.

Let us not simply provide a heightened awareness of human rights. Let us set a framework in place that educates, promotes and provides legal protection for human rights in Australia.

As the UNHRC recommended in 2000, let us incorporate our adherence to the UNDHR into federal law. Let us protect human rights legally, comprehensively and uniformly for all Australians.