

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Organisation: Rural Australians for Refugees

Submission Text:

I've just poured my heart out with eloquent words and lost it when diverting to read the privacy statement.... Perhaps it went through in any case but right now I've only got energy to summarise what I put so well (I thought at any rate).

I live near Baxter detention centre and even though closed its sight brings back strong feelings.

Anger at what Howard govt did to men, women, children and young men. Helplessness when trying to support refugees and show some Aussies cared. Too often hopelessness when they'd been deported in middle of the night or attempted suicide and slipping into mental illness.

Too often despair at manipulation of public opinion by politicians, media and ordinary ignorant people sinking the boot in to be one of the mob.

nevertheless sometimes uplifted by good news of visas or employment gained, solidarity with other advocates and heroes like Petro Georgiou.

I want Human rights legislation to protect indigenous, immigrants, refugees, farmers, children especially the vulnerable, powerless and unrepresented.

Legislation needs to be simple yet resilient enough to be used to expose and undermine the clever and powerful who plan to take away the natural human rights of others.