

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

I had been ambivalent re a Charter of Rights for Australia, believing we were perhaps sufficiently protected by our international obligations, but the anti-terrorism laws have been used as a precedent for unnecessary laws against bikie gangs and other proscribed organisations so I believe our basic freedom of speech and freedom of assembly rights need to be strengthened so I am now in favour of a special Charter of Rights for Australia.

In that spirit I want to say I am opposed to special religious ant-vilification laws - enough legislation on the books already to cover that. I am in favour of religious schools being permitted, but believe that any government funding should go to the parents of the enrolled children (as a right) and not to the school administrators.

I am in favour of equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and transexual people to respect and to marital union as heterosexuals are allowed.

I want to see some kind of ombudsman /ombudswoman who will oversee the conditions of people arrested or detained including asylum seekers.

I wish abortion for any reason to be a right throughout the first two trimesters of pregnancy and to be limited to only those cases that can be attested by two specialist doctors to be clearly required for health reasons in the case of the third trimester.

PS You have an American spelling-checker!