

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

I believe that all human rights should be protected in Federal legislation, including sexual orientation, gender identity (i.e. Transgender people), race, religion, ability, culture, sex, political beliefs etc. This will ensure that there are clear and consistent guidelines re acceptable behaviour, discrimination, harassment etc. and will provide protection for all people, but particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

A national Bill of Rights should be developed which sets out the standards of acceptable behaviour, and all Government legislation and policies etc. should adhere to this Bill. Government Ministers should also be expected to explain how any new legislation or policy adheres to the Bill. The Bill should be followed by everyone, including Local, State and Federal Governments, businesses and individuals. Any breaches of the Bill should be heard by an independent tribunal/court.

We also need to ensure that everyone is aware of the importance of human rights through education/awareness campaigns aimed at individuals, businesses, and Government departments. This should include teaching children about human rights at school (starting in primary school and continuing into high school), as well as community awareness campaigns aimed at the general public (TV and radio commercials, a website with user-friendly information about human rights, and public forums with leading human rights experts).