

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

I am opposed to the shortcut method of the introduction of a Charter of Rights after consultation that only captures the most passionate and extreme parts of society. I believe that the only proper process for introducing such a Charter is by a referendum. All the people must be heard, otherwise our country is no longer the democracy we tell ourselves it is.

Secondly, it would give unprecedented law-making power on moral issues to the judiciary, which is made up people I do not know anything about and the Australian people do not vote into office. It increases the opportunity for and likelihood of corruption. It also means that the person who buys the best legal representation can create law that protects their interests ('human rights') while ignoring the impact on others' freedom. This has led to bad law in other countries that have a Charter. It has even led to the will of the people through law created in their elected Parliament being overturned by the judiciary - that is not the Australia I love, and it is not the Australia I want