

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Having attended a National Human Rights Consultation Community Roundtable today (Tuesday 21st April), I left questioning the use of it all. I felt the meeting was handled in such a way that the discussion and questions were biased towards changing our current system. There were hundreds of people present who put forward some very good points on how they, their family or their associates had been individually betrayed by our state and federal governments our laws and constitution in regards to certain issues and very little said about our current system which has provided one of the best democratically governed countries in the world. Most of the issues on protection and rights mentioned were already provided for by our current democratic government legislation in force with the Racial Discrimination Act, Freedom of Information Act, Sex Discrimination Act, Equal Opportunity Acts, Human rights and Equal Opportunity Act, Age Discrimination, Human Rights Sexual Conduct Act, Disability Discrimination Act, Anti-slavery Laws, privacy laws and others. Vocal minority groups and those who felt they had not been given a fair go should lobby political parties to have current legislation and laws amended rather than form a proposed National Human Rights Committee that could turn our over worked courts into tribunals on economical and sociological questions.