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Subject: Our society"s problems come from sin, not lack of rights
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To the Research Director of the LACSC Committee,

Please accept my submission to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee concerning the potential adoption of a Human Rights Act in Queensland.

I consider such an act not only unnecessary, but positively pernicious. This is because the whole notion of legislating for rights fails to appreciate the cause of problems in our society, which stem not from a lack of rights, but from sin. God gave us all the rights we need to live under his benevolent law when he created us, but we mar this experience through our own sin.

The solution to society's problems, therefore, is not to uphold rights, but to punish sin, which is what traditional laws do, being framed negatively to reflect that we are given all our freedoms by God, and it is only when we sin that we are rightly chastised.

If we try to do things the other way around and enact 'rights' then we essentially change the role of the state from punishing sin to giving us our rights, which is God's domain. It, in effect, attempts to deify the state, squeeze God out of the picture and diminish His glory.

Moreover, if society comes to think of the state as the source of our rights, then surely we will also allow the state to take our rights away, or define new and spurious ones, conflicting with and nullifying our true rights.

For these reasons, Queenslanders should reject a Human Rights Act. We are created free by God. We do not need our rights defined by the state. The state's role is simply to punish sin. If it concentrated on doing this properly, according to God's law, then our rights would look after themselves.

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