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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: A Human Rights Act for Queensland is unwelcome
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Please accept my submission to the LACSC Committee:

I am writing to express my concern that Queensland is considering a Human Rights Act. Whilst enacting 'rights' sounds good on paper, it in fact turns the whole purpose of the civil law on its head.

Instead of prohibiting crimes and otherwise leaving people free to lead their lives in the way they see fit, a human rights act would bring the entirety of every citizen's life under the watchful eye and control of the state.

This is because if civil law is framed negatively, as it should be, then the power of the state is limited to punishing actual crimes, but if the law is positive then the state has total jurisdiction, because everything can potentially contribute to upholding a right. In fact, basic to every totalitarian regime is such a positive concept of the law. The former Soviet Union, for instance, had a bill of rights which would make an outsider think that it was a paradise on Earth!

I urge you, therefore, not to recommend Queensland adopt a Human Rights Act.

Yours sincerely,

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