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Q5: Do you think that human rights are properly protected in Queensland? Why/why not?

No.

No definitive, unbiased/objective dedicated answerable agency to govern it thus.

An agency which has the power to suggest changes and monitor the response to see if it is adequate and resolution has been achieved. If it hasn't then to escalate the matter further or refer it to be thus.

The agency can also safeguard against unreasonable/inappropriate abuse of human rights.

Q6: Do you support the introduction of a Human Rights Act in Queensland? Why/why not?

Yes.

Protection of all when needed/indicated.

This is a simple concept, yet it is profound – that all human beings have human rights.

Q7: Can you think of a situation from your life or someone else's life that shows why Queensland needs a Human Rights Act?

Multiple examples.

The irresponsible and abusive treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

People with disabilities not having equal access as stated. Eg access to employment – may do the easier and simpler jobs if unable to fulfil higher level jobs and get paid less for it, but also to be taxed less. Other job opportunities should be made available according to their supply, and the business's demand.

Right to privacy – for minor offences involving youth for example, which are not directly relevant to the public, the names of the offenders should not be published in the media without their consent. For serious offences that threaten public safety / peace of mind, that is another issue, where the right of the offender to privacy is outweighed by the right of the public to be informed.

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Q8: Which rights should be protected?

Right to recognition and equality before the law,

Right to life, Protection of family and children,

Right to participate in public life,

Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

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Cultural rights of ethnic religious or linguistic minorities

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Freedom from forced work, Property rights,

Freedom of movement,

Right to liberty and security of person,

Privacy and reputation,

Humane treatment when deprived on liberty,

Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief,

Rights of the children in the criminal process,

Freedom of expression, Right to a fair hearing,

Peaceful assembly and freedom of association,

Right to housing, Right to education,

Right to adequate health care, Right to food,

Right to an adequate standard of living,

Right to safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

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Participation in cultural life