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

No they are not. Our indigenous people suffer from racism and have their lands destroyed for so called economic reasons (mainly mining). Also women subjected to abuse from partners are still not fully protected from this violence. We also treat our asylum seekers in a most inhumane way. They need to be welcomed into our society and given a chance for happiness.

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

Yes. It is time that we accepted that white people invaded Australia and took away all the rights of our indigenous people. Once we have accepted this then we can work with these wonderful people to retain their culture and language.

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

I have spoken to asylum seekers who are desperate to bring up their children in a country where there is no war. Instead they are sent to prison on islands where there is insufficient help for their trauma and only despair and fear in their hearts.

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Q8:	Which	rights	should	be	protected?	
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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

Cultural rights of ethnic religious or linguistic minorities

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,

Protection of rights in criminal proceedings and against retrospective criminal law

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

Participation in cultural life