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

No, civil right have been slowly eroded away over time. I think the absence of an Upper House in Queensland has been to our detriment.

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

Yes, the lack of statement of human rights does not ensure it is protected. Civil Rights are violated all the time - evident in how disabled people are treated.

# 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 a disability (epilepsy) and have was fired from my first job as after having a tonic-clonic seizure. This was about 1995. He was a contract engineer and I was his admin assistant. He was also a millionaire. I am not. I chose to not pursue as while it as obvious as I was fired the next day after having the seizure, I was 19 at the time, greatly distressed and not supported by family at all in pursuing justice. My family's small business was also reliant upon him. He was additionally a multi-millionaire. I would have had to go to Legal Aid to get help. My epilepsy seizures are triggered by emotional distress and the engineer was using that as a statement to say why he had to fire me, because the seizure proved I couldn't handle it. Obviously this is discrimination. I am much older now but Qld and Legal Aid back then was not good, and multi-millionaires have much power.

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## Q8: Which rights should be protected?

Right to recognition and equality before the law,

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,

Humane treatment when deprived on liberty,

Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief,

Rights of the children in the criminal process,

Right to a fair hearing,

Protection of rights in criminal proceedings and against retrospective criminal law

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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