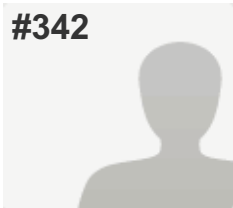


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Q5: Do you think that human rights are properly protected in Queensland? Why/why not?

They are not. There are few protections under the constitution and the laws of the country and of the state are at the mercy of any crackpot who can get themselves elected. I was shocked at the erosion of rights contemplated by the Abbott government federally, and the Newman government locally.

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

To be honest, i don't know. It seems like a really good idea, for example, to protect freedom of speech, yet look what happened in America where this constitutional amendment was used to allow corporations to fund political parties, completely distorting the intention of the amendment and seriously damaging US democracy. It would very much depend on the detail of any such Act and, even then, subsequent interpretations by courts and manipulations by governments would leave such an act open to abuse.

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

Yes, of course, but see my answer to 6. A Human Rights Act does not guarantee desirable outcomes. Also, being an act of the parliament, rather than a part of the constitution, it would be quite easily modified if a mongrel government wanted to do something bad that the Act forbade.

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Q8: Which rights should be protected?

Right to recognition and equality before the law ,
Protection of family and children ,
Right to participate in public life ,
Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment
,
Freedom from forced work, 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 be tried or punished not more than once ,
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
