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

No, although we take it for granted, our freedoms of speech, access to lawyers if incarcerated, protection of private property and the freedom of privacy are all in question, particularly when laws put in place by Federal governments do not always take into consideration those basic rights won by the signing of the Magna Carta so many years ago. Americans have the Bill of Rights, but even those rights have been eroded particularly by the scare tactics used with suspected terrorism. Should our rights come into force, they should always be available and belong to the people. They should not be altered without the consent of the people.

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

I certainly do and I refer to my answer in Question 5 above. I am dead against intruders/trespassers coming into my home illegally whether there to commit a crime or just because they believe that they have that right to force their way onto the property or ignore requests to leave. We should have the freedom of speech and the right to have newspapers to report correctly and accurately events which affect our community/country or environment. People can easily become innocently involved with riots just by being on the streets where protestors may have gathered and having the rights to access a lawyer is probably the single most important factor to prove our innocence rather than being locked away and forgotten as has happened in England and America.

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

We need to be able to ensure that our citizens who tell the truth about subjects that could endanger our way of life or security are given the protection they deserve for being brave enough to go beyond and put their lives on the line to ensure that the people know the truth. There are plenty of examples of Australians being abandoned overseas and this should not occur. What about their rights?

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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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Property rights, Freedom of movement,

Right to liberty and security of person,

Privacy and reputation,

Humane treatment when deprived on liberty,

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

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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

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Participation in cultural life