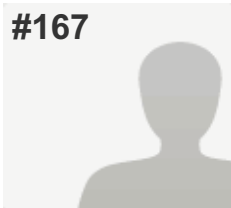


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**Q5: Do you think that human rights are properly protected in Queensland? Why/why not?**

Not for everyone, no. Why, is something that you learn when you go from one way of living to another, for example after something that happened to myself, I worked very hard to get to the job I got to, then there was a house fire, my fiancée died, I was in a coma for a week, when I awoke I was different. I am now ok with the fact that I am disabled, life is harder for me, it always has been to a degree but, realising that something was different didn't occur straight away. No one told me. Due to the amnesia I had after the fire, the things I forgot, everything I lost, I didn't want to let anyone cotton on to the fact that things were different for me. The fire was in 2006, and it wasn't until 2013 I realised I needed help, I had up to that point from 2009-2012 been constantly applying for jobs, watching this career and opportunity I worked my whole life to get slipping down and down a paygrade, I finally couldn't afford to live in my house anymore, and had to go through the process of realising not only was something wrong with me, how to get help, I suffer still to this day from a very broad thing called PTSD, I have trouble walking constantly due to my foot, that I nearly lost upon waking from the coma. And the whole time all I have heard is help is there, and it isn't. I am on the disabled pension now, since 2013 I have been sleeping on different people's couches and in my car. The system wants to house me with people straight out of jail. I tried that for a bit, it got me in legal trouble, seeing as associating with criminals makes you one. I have a social worker, I phone her daily for help, she cannot help me, she rarely returns my calls. I am atm still in the process of waiting for housing, it's been a long wait. I want a place so I can sort out some permanency in my life, it will be a miracle if I actually make it to get one. My application has been rejected for so many flippant reasons from the department of housing, that it is literally by definition discrimination, yet I don't identify with a racial group, I am not an immigrant, I am a single white male, a father of two teenage daughters, housing/accommodation affects every aspect of my life atm, with out permanency in accommodation I cannot work towards something else, I cannot even help my children, and all this is due to a tragic event 10 years ago, and my comprehension centre in my brain being effected. I don't like thinking of myself as disabled because in my mind my friends and people I know living in a wheel chair, or battling a disease they are disabled. This is why it took me so long to realise I needed help, when I did, I tried to apply for housing. I think I originally applied in 2009, anyhow, If what I have just pointed out is not a human rights issue for Queenslanders I don't know what is. Housing prices are not affordable, services that we require are not available the further you move out, and the department that deals with this on a daily basis, is literally waiting for the social workers to either kill me by only offering me accommodation with criminals, or by making me spend my whole pension to obtain somewhere semi reasonable to get away from that situation. With my health the current way it is I will literally be dead in my car come winter anyhow. So.. what's wrong with human rights in Queensland? you tell me.

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

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

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according to the UN charter the question is not really relivant because Australia should be adhering to the UN and its standards for Human Rights. The question is almost inflammatory and must be some sort of necessity for this "online" form

Obviously, we need something to follow but should we not already be following the UN?

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

The past ten years of my life.

I like the way that in Australia, there is a box online somewhere I can voice my concern, its just does this concern actually get understood, if you go from a \$100,000+ year income to the pension, you too may understand, not only do you have to deal with a major life change, you have to survive trying to endure the life change to live. Battling the system trying to work out how to cope with the change, and physical y live, has been horrendous. I think that means there is something wrong there for people in my circumstances anyhow, and it needs to be addressed.

**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  
,  
Cultural rights of ethnic religious or linguistic minorities  
,  
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 ,  
Peaceful assembly and freedom of association ,  
Participation in cultural life ,  
Right to safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment  
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Right to an adequate standard of living ,  
Right to food, Right to adequate health care,  
Right to education, Right to housing

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