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The Research Director
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: HUMAN RIGHTS ACT FOR QUEENSLAND

Thank you allowing me the opportunity of participating in the proposed establishment of the Human Rights Act for Queensland. Towards this end, I would like to make this submission.

Although democratically elected, our government has an obligation to protect the rights of all persons and peoples, including citizens, non-citizens, minority groups, and majority groups. It is on this basis that Queensland needs to establish its own Human Rights Act. Such a document should guide current and futures governments in shaping our society to be prosperous, at peace with itself, and confident in its actions. Thus, the Human Rights Act should be a reflection of the aspirations of society.

The Act should ensure that all persons have an equal and fair opportunity, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation.

All persons should have the right the express their religious beliefs or political opinions without fear of discrimination or prosecution.

All persons should have the right to peacefully assemble or form associations without fear of discrimination or prosecution.

All persons should have the right to be free from violence or the threat of violence. Marriage, civil union or religious beliefs should never be used as an excuse to bring harm to another person. And although police may use force in the execution of its duties, this force must be within reason.

All persons of legal age should have the freedom to deal with their own person or body as they see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Uichanco