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QLD HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRY 2016

The best reason for a human rights act in QLD is Alice. Alice is not here yet but is expected in a few months. All going well she will be a bonnie healthy bundle of a Queenslander. As her Grandmother I look to what I can bring to her life to ensure a safe and happy future. Participating in processes to help Qld potentially create a Human Rights Act is simply too good an opportunity for a loving grandparent to miss.

I want a world that practices values of respect, empathy and good old common sense for her to grow and develop her potential in. Where she is seen for herself rather than her gender, race, religion or what ever else someone could dream up to discriminate against her. Should she ever become vulnerable and lose capacity I pray she will be treated with the highest levels of care, dignity and respect. In turn I want her to know how to give to others what we would expect for ourselves.

It frightens me to think that she might have to face some of the battles of advocacy that I have seen exist in our state. The torture of persons normalised in sector systems locked into perpetual cycles of care with easy entry and no exit plans on admission. We as a community don't seem to like to talk about this but we should.

A human rights act in Qld could open pathways to connect to international monitoring systems and strengthen advocacy for those who find themselves a silent consumer of restrictive practice care. It may even identify or innovate change in systems not normally associated with vulnerability and care such as justice accommodations. Imagine a Qld were we choose to rehabilitate and close prisons as is happening in other countries. Meet a persons real needs and develop complex communication systems both on a systems and personal levels.

By empowering ourselves with a human rights act we can lift standards by scrutinising our policies with it's lens. It would appear a positive and fiscal step forward as we move towards the 21st century and my Alice's future.

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Appointment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 2nd Queensland Police Service Commissioner

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