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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Submission to the inquiry into a Human Rights Act for Queensland
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Dear Research Director,

I am in full support of enshrining the Human Rights of Queenslanders into law. I see such a move as giving extra protection to victims of crime, especially people with disabilities whom I work with as a social worker. People with intellectual disabilities in particular have long been neglected in their basic human rights by care institutions, government agencies and prisons. I see a Human Rights Act as another avenue for justice for people who have been damaged by the actions of institutions in particular.

Federal signatory to international treaties is not a strong protect for the basic human rights of Australians or people under the care of the Australian government. The federal government has a long history of ignoring international treaties when it suits their political purpose, and as such international treaties offer no protection to Queenslanders.

A Human Rights Act for Queensland would send a strong message to the current federal government that we do not condone the cruelty they are currently inflicting on refugees, nor the increasing curtailment of our civil liberties for their political purposes. A Human Rights Act will confirm Queensland's future focus and progress as a just society.

Thank you for your time,

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