

# A Human Rights Act for Queensland

## It's time to have your say



Australia is the only liberal democracy without national human rights protection.

The ACT and Victoria have had their rights protected through legislation since 2004 and 2006.

Queensland's government is now giving you a say in how you would like your rights protected and whether we need a Human Rights Act.

This is an opportunity to make a positive change that could last generations.

### What would a Human Rights Act mean for me?

Your rights and the rights of other Queenslanders would be considered every time you and they come into contact with a state government agency including schools, hospitals, aged and disability services, housing services and child protection agencies.

A Human Rights Act would mean that if your rights were not properly considered you would have a way to challenge the injustice and obtain a remedy.

### Aren't my rights already protected?

Many of your rights are not currently protected in law in Queensland. For example – the right to freedom of speech, freedom of association and the right to be free from inhuman and degrading treatment are not protected in Queensland's law.

A Human Rights Act could protect things like your right to live with your family, your right to marry and have children, your right to education, services and healthcare, your right to work and your right to dignity – no matter who you are.

### More information

More information about the benefits of a Human Rights Act for Queensland is available on the Human Rights for Queensland campaign website [www.humanrights4qld.com.au/benefits](http://www.humanrights4qld.com.au/benefits).

### Have your say

The Queensland Government has invited all Queenslanders to have a say about a possible Human Rights Act. Your comments are due by 4.00pm on Monday 18 April 2016.

Complete the following form to have your say.

## Which rights should be protected?

- Right to recognition and equality before the law
- Protection of family and children
- Right to life
- 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
- Property rights
- Freedom of movement
- Right to liberty and security of person
- Privacy and reputation
- Humane treatment when deprived of liberty
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief
- Rights of 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
- Right to be tried or punished not more than once.
- Right to housing
- Right to education
- Right to adequate health care
- Right to food
- A right to an adequate standard of living
- Right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- Participation in cultural life

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Submit your submission by:

1. Sending it to the team at A Human Rights Act for Queensland campaign. They will collate all individual responses submitted in this format and provide a summary to the Committee.
2. Sending it directly to the Committee by email: [lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au) or posting it to:

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

The Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee must receive submissions by no later than **4:00pm on Monday 18 April 2016**.