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**To:** [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)  
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Dear Committee,

I am concerned that the current proposal for the Human Rights Act does not adequately protect the rights of the non-religious.

The current wording states 'the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of the person's choice'.

It does NOT mention 'the freedom to live WITHOUT a religion'.

At the last census, close to 30% of Queenslanders stated they did NOT have a religion.

Atheism is neither a 'religion' nor a 'belief' therefore it is not covered in the proposed wording. The right to live WITHOUT religion should be explicitly detailed in any Human Rights Act.

I refer the committee to the work of Dr Meg Wallace, entitled 'Freedom From Religion: Rethinking Article 18.'

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Collins

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