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Firstly we acknowledge that this is being lodged after the scheduled time for submissions.

However we this on the express invitation of the Attorney-General at today's QCOSS Human Rights breakfast meeting.

We lend our firm support to a Human Rights Act for Queensland.

That said, it suffices for us to endorse and join the major human rights organisations in their detailed submissions to you, but for some highlighting.

Often when rights are trampled, they are those of the most marginalised in our society and least able to defend themselves. Therefore beyond incompatibility declarations in the macro context, there needs to be, on the micro individual level, a complaint mechanism with a standalone cause of action in a no/low cost tribunal after a mandatory mediation.

Beyond the legal framework, human rights recognition requires cultural change. There need to be sufficient resourcing across the entire regime and include a comprehensive public education program to facilitate a substantive permanent cultural change. That, in itself, will ultimately lead to less complaints or at least earlier and better resolution to them. Prevention and early intervention before escalation of issues will lead to revenue saving plus nonfinancial benefits as greater social and community harmony.

We thank the Committee for its consideration.

Yours faithfully  
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