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Current Human Rights Acts Campaigns

Snapshot of what's happening across Australia

WESTERN AUSTRALIA FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

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TASMANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT CAMPAIGN

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT FOR NSW

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (**ALHR**) acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the lands on which we work across Australia as the first people of this country. We recognise that the land belonging to these peoples was never ceded, given up, bought, or sold. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging and express our strong support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Although human rights belong to all individuals, ALHR recognises that human rights have a special importance for First Nations peoples with their distinctive and diverse spiritual, material and economic relationship with the lands, territories, waters, coastal seas and other resources with which they have a deep connection. Of particular significance to the First Nations peoples of Australia is the right to self-determination.

ALHR calls on all Australian jurisdictions to enact Human Rights legislation which explicitly recognises that First Nations peoples hold distinct cultural rights and which protects and promotes the rights contained within the core United Nations Human Rights treaties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for all First Nations peoples in Australia.

Artwork by Kindy Kemarre Ross (b. 1983) Ampilatwatja, NT, "*My Country is Irrultja*" 2022

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT FOR NSW

HRA4NSW Alliance

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HRA4NSW Alliance

- **Relaunched mid 2018** following a stakeholder engagement meeting convened by Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)
- Co-Convened by ALHR and the NSW Council for Civil Liberties (NSWCCL) A
- Adopted Alliance governance structure mirroring QLD Campaign Alliance
  - independently branded campaign
  - steering committee: decision-making by consensus
  - membership based Coalition of equal partners

HRA4NSW Alliance

Steering Committee

- Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)
- NSW Council for Civil Liberties (NSWCCL)
- NCOSS
- ALS NSW/ACT
- Human Rights Law Centre
- PWDA
- Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)
- Community Legal Centres NSW (NSWCCL)
- Bar Association of NSW
- Law Society of NSW (observer status)
- Save the Children
- Human Rights for All

Alliance Membership

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HRA4NSW Campaign Goals

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Long-term goal: To see a Human Rights Bill passed by the parliament of New South Wales which adopts a similar model to the legislative human rights mechanism introduced into the Queensland parliament in October 2018.

Medium-term goal: To convince New South Wales political parties and politicians to publicly commit to the introduction of a NSW Human Rights Act

Short-term goal: To obtain a commitment from all New South Wales political parties and politicians to establish or support a comprehensive inquiry involving community consultation into the introduction of a Human Rights Act in NSW within the first year of the next term of government.

How will we get there?

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The Campaign will advocate for the establishment of an Inquiry into the introduction of a HRA4NSW through:

- directly advocating to elected representatives about the need for and benefits of an Inquiry into a Human Rights Act;
- raising community awareness of the need for and benefits of a Human Rights Act;
- engaging in public debate (including through media) about the need for and benefits of both an Inquiry and ultimately a Human Rights Act; and
- developing materials to assist Members to engage in activities (1) to (3).

HRA4NSW EVENTS

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- CLCNSW conference presentation
- Side Event 2019 State Labor Conference
- Webinar, "*Human Rights at the Local Level" 2020*
- National Youth Forum on whether Australia needs a Human Rights Act (Whitlam Institute) June 2021
- Partnership with NCOSS to deliver education about HRAs at TAFE and regional events 2021 and 2023
- Youth Forum on the Right to Education (Newcastle Centre for Law and Social Justice Justice)November 2022
- Right to Education November 2022
- Webinar: "*The QLD Human Rights Act: Improving Lives & Delivering Dignity*" Nov 22
- Rights of Older Persons March 2023

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#WA4HRA

WA4HRA Coalition

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- Co-Convened by ALHR and the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA)
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  - independently branded campaign
  - steering committee: decision-making by consensus
  - membership based Coalition of equal partners
- Current membership of 12 organisations and several key legal academics

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Campaign to date

- 2019 Establishment of a Steering Committee and coalition of organisations
- Engagement with key stakeholders
- Development and launch of our website and social media
- Development of resources
- Research into potential forms of legislation

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Working Groups Established

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Law and Policy
- Political Advocacy
- Communications

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Resources Developed to date:

- Campaign Briefing Paper
- HRA Benefits Guide
- Presentations
- Key Principles
- Case Studies
- Submission to Inquiry into reform of the Equal Opportunity Act WA

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Our Purpose

- For the Parliament of Western Australia to pass a Human Rights Act similar to human rights legislation already enacted in other States and Territories
- To build on the foundation of the wide reaching community consultation process held in 2007, led by a committee headed by Fred Chaney AO
- To continue to seek input from member organisations, stakeholders and the WA community on the exact content and model of a WA Human Rights Act

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Community Engagement & Events:

- Community Briefings
- Webinars
- 2021 Human Rights Symposium: "*Towards a Human Rights Act for WA*"
- Forthcoming three part webinar series in lead up to Human Rights Day 2022:
    - Children in detention
    - Right to a healthy environment
    - housing and homelessness

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Key Campaign Activities

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Campaign direction	Focus on ensuring diversity & perspectives of lived experience within the Alliance
Coalition building	Continue to grow Alliance membership
Political engagement	Advocate for a HRA to be added to the NSW/WA Government's legislative agenda
Community engagement	Build awareness & support across broader community through hosting & supporting events
Resource development	Continue to develop key campaign resources
Media Engagement	Strategically engage with media - mainstream & social - positive messaging

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The Campaign for a Federal Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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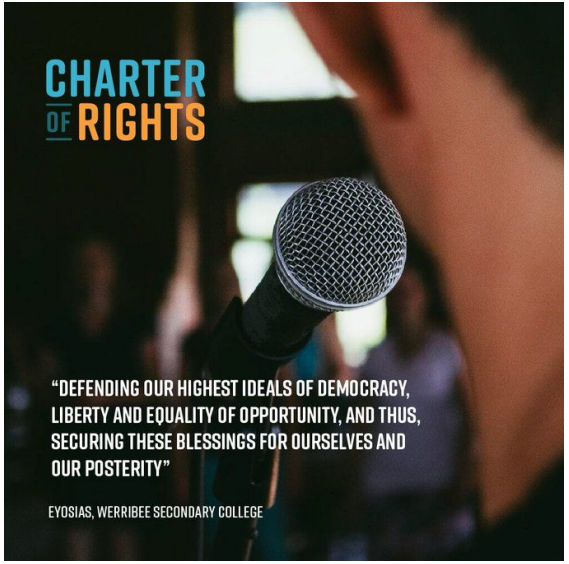
Federal Charter Campaign Summary

- **Governance:** Campaign by **Human Rights Law Centre** with input from an **Advisory Committee**
- **76 supporter organisations**
- **Messaging Guide** released in February 2020
- **Making the right to health a reality** report (by UNSW AHRI) released in September 2021.



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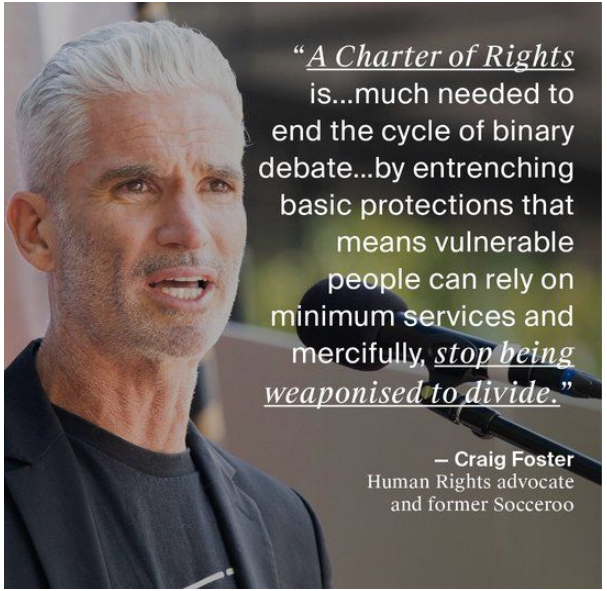
- 3 **webinars in 2022**, on right to education (with UTS C4SJ&I), right to health (with Newcastle Uni C4L&SJ), and post-election Charter prospects.
- **School competition** held February-April 2022.
- **101 cases report** released in June 2022.
- All available at: https://charterofrights.org.au
- **Want to support the campaign? email:** Daney.Faddoul@hrlc.org.au



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Who supports a Federal Charter of Human Rights?

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