

Rights Resource Network SA

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Time for a Human Rights Framework for South Australia! Election Question

The Rights Resource Network SA believes South Australia needs a Human Rights Framework, including a Human Rights Act, to secure the dignity and equality of all South Australians and to facilitate our active participation in the democratic life of our State. We've worked together to set out what a South Australian Human Rights Framework could look like. All the details are here in our Report.

We believe a Human Rights Framework, including a Human Rights Act, would make an **immediate positive difference to our community** by ensuring that every one of us is treated with dignity and has the opportunity to thrive, uniting us around a set of common values, clearly defining the expectations we have of each other and our State institutions, and providing accessible remedies or resolutions when rights have been ignored or undermined. It would also **help our parliamentarians** by identifying practical alternatives to rights-abrogating practices or policies, clarifying and consolidating existing statements and charters of rights in South Australian law, and providing efficient legal pathways for constituents to address unfair or inadequate decision-making or treatment. We've identified many more benefits in our Report.

Do you support the adoption of a Human Rights Framework, including a Human Rights Act, for South Australia?

If not, what are the barriers preventing you from supporting this reform?

We need your answers by **28 February 2022** so we can share them with our 350 Network members on facebook and on our website.

Please contact Dr Sarah Moulds, Director Rights Resource Network SA, to tell us your answer.

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In exchange, we enclose a copy of our detailed <u>Designing a Human Rights Framework for South Australia Report</u> as a resource for your office and constituents to engage with. We look forward to working with you on the many different rights issues and options set out in our Report.

The <u>Rights Resource Network SA</u> is a volunteer-run collaboration that shares information and research among academics, community organisations and individuals who have a shared interest in protecting the human rights of South Australians. The Network has an inclusive membership structure. Over 350 members subscribe to our newsletters and communications, including peak community organisations, academics and legal experts. Some of these members nominated as Delegates for our Designing a Human Rights Framework for SA event on 10 December 2021. The Network receives occasional funding from the Law Foundation of South Australia.