



Rights Resource Network SA

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A Human Rights Act for SA

South Australia needs 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 believe 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.

In our view, a Human Rights Act could provide a pathway out of some of the intractable debates around substandard service delivery or unfair government decision making, and help prevent some of the rights-impacting problems that have emerged during the COVID-19 contexts – including problems associated with denial of the right to vote, neglect and abuse in aged care and residential facilities, discrimination in schools and workplaces, lack of privacy protections for personal information and many more.

A Human Rights Act would reward and build upon existing best practice and would make sure that all South Australians have a change to identify and articulate the common values and rights that unite us.

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 worked together to set out what a South Australian Human Rights Framework could look like. All the details are [here in our Report](#).