



**Australian Human  
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# Advancing Human Rights in Australia

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Review

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# A national human rights reform agenda for Australia

'This report... refers to the need for Australia to revitalise our commitment to human rights. (It) proposes a major reset on how we talk about human rights, and in how they are protected.

We need better awareness of human rights and a more proactive focus on them from government and decision makers. But critically, we also need more effective legal protections for when people's rights are not respected and for when they are discriminated against.'

# A New National Human Rights Framework Recommendation 1

## **1. Every Nation State should recommend the introduction of a National Human Rights Framework, including:**

- **National Human Rights Act**
- **modernised federal discrimination laws**
- **rights measurement framework**
- **national human rights education plan.**

# First Nations Peoples Recommendations 14,16 and 17

- 14. Establish national truth-telling and treaty processes and ensure the participation of First Nations Peoples in decisions that affect them.**
- 16. Develop a national program to implement UNDRIP and include it in the definition of human rights in the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011 (Cth) and the Australian Human Right Commission Act.**
- 17. Ensure that robust and independent accountability mechanisms are in place to meet Closing the Gap targets for all governments.**

### **45. Implement the Commission's National Anti-Racism Framework**

# Thank you for your attention

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