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The Role of Parliament under an Australian Charter of Human Rights

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Australia is in the midst of debate about whether it should have a national charter of human rights. One question that has assumed central importance is what role Parliament might play under such a law. Would an Australian charter undermine parliamentary sovereignty? How might it otherwise change Parliament's role? What does the experience of other nations tell us? These questions will be addressed in this lecture.

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