



Attorney-General

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Mr Josh Burns MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Chair

I am writing to you pursuant to section 7(c) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* to ask the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights to inquire into, and report on, Australia's Human Rights Framework.

On 21 April 2010, the then Government launched Australia's Human Rights Framework. Under the Framework, the then Government also released the National Human Rights Action Plan, which was tabled in Parliament on 9 May 2013. While the then Government planned to review the Framework in 2014, this did not occur following the change in government.

I ask the Committee to:

- review the scope and effectiveness of the Framework and the National Human Rights Action Plan;
- consider whether the Framework should be re-established, as well as the components of the Framework, and any improvements that should be made;
- consider developments since 2010 in Australian human rights laws (both at the Commonwealth and State and Territory levels) and relevant case law; and
- consider any other relevant matters.

I ask that the Committee conduct its inquiry and report to both Houses of the Parliament by **31 March 2024**. I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP.

Yours sincerely

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