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Chairperson,
Senate Legal & Constitutional Legislation Committee
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are very concerned about the proposed introduction of the Human Rights Commission Bill 2003. As far as we can see, this Bill is intended to deprive the Human Rights Commissioner of his/her independence. If introduced, our Human Rights Commissioner will no longer be that free agent of governmental power that we envisaged him/her to be possessed with. He/she will no longer be able to do justice in the manner he/she deems fair and reasonable and in accordance with the laws of this country.

May we ask then, if there are no powers reserved for the office of the Human Rights Commissioner, there is no purpose served in the "erection" of this office either. We might as well scrap it to the rubbish heap.

We could see that the government's tactic, basically, is to stymie the human rights of Australians and would-be refugees who are in Australian soils. As representatives of the Australian electorate shall we be sympathize with this erosion of our concomitant and inherent democratic rights. We will have to contend with the issue that either we give our Human Rights Commissioners the powers to determine matters affecting the affairs of Australians and the population of the world at large, or we do not. If we do, then we should give our Human Rights Commissioners those powers of office so that they could be facilitated to carry out their responsibilities to the best of their abilities

The Attorney-General is not only hungry for power but also wants to eat our Democratic Cake on the Tables of our Parliament. This Cake is meant for the electorate to eat them piecemeal. Surely, he can allow the electorate to taste some crumbs of Democracy that is still remaining.

We sincerely hope that you will reject the Bill in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

Eddie Hwang
President.
08-Apr-03.

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