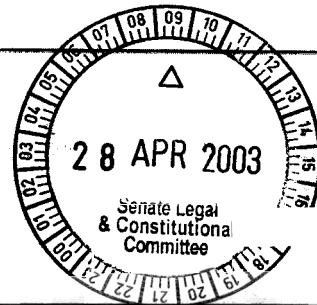


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Submission to: **Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Bill 2003**

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I believe that the proposed changes to the aforementioned Bill will lead to the demise of the effectiveness of the Human Rights Commission, by reducing the number of commissioners from five to three, and generalising their work.

For example, none of the three Human Rights Commissioners would have specific responsibility for race discrimination or for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice;

I also think that the Human Rights Commission will lose all autonomy, and fair, disinterested decisions will become impossible, if it is forced to seek the Attorney General's permission.

In the interest of justice, fairness and transparent fair-play, I urge that the changes not be made.

Peter Rigby Taylor.