

RIGHTS TALK



Human Rights Scrutiny by Parliamentary Committees - The Experience in Australia

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Australia remains one of the few countries to largely eschew judicially-enforced bills of rights. However, most Australian parliaments have committees that purport to scrutinise proposed laws for interferences with common law rights and, recently, three Australian parliaments - the federal parliament and those of the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria - have added similar scrutiny for interferences with the international law of human rights. This seminar discusses the work of Victoria's scrutiny committee and my (continuing) experience as its 'human rights adviser' since 2007.

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