



Monthly Forum: A Bill of Rights for Australia

Australia is the only western democracy without a Human Rights Act. Many human rights that Australians think they have are not entrenched in the constitution or in legislation. The coalition government was unresponsive to efforts to implement a human rights act. However, the new Labor government has made a commitment to initiate a senate enquiry on the need for a human rights act in Australia. Many cases have been identified that highlight gaps in legislation that prevent people from being protected.

Sasha Jespersen from Amnesty International will be the guest speaker at AMARAH's April forum on the campaign for a bill of rights for Australia. Ms Jespersen will outline why Australia needs a Human Rights Act and will provide an account of the campaign to date. The forum will be held on **Sunday 6 April at 7pm** in the meeting room of the **Garden City Library**, Mt Gravatt.