

**PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
CHAIR'S TABLING STATEMENT**

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

I rise to speak to the tabling of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' *Human Rights Scrutiny Report 2 of 2019*.

Of the new bills examined in Chapter 1 of this report, 37 have been assessed as not raising human rights concerns as they promote, permissibly limit, or do not engage, human rights. The committee is also seeking further information in relation to 16 pieces of legislation, and has considered 13 pieces of legislation on an 'advice only' basis. Chapter 2 of the report contains the committee's concluded examination of a number of pieces of legislation.

The report contains a credible technical examination of legislation with Australia's obligations under international human rights law. A number of the bills scheduled for debate this week have been considered by this committee in the current report, including in relation to:

- The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority;
- Appropriations;
- The foreign influence transparency scheme;
- Counter-terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders); and
- The NDIS worker screening database.

I thank my fellow committee members for their continued service to the committee and engagement with this report. I also wish to thank the secretariat and the committee's external legal advisor, Dr Jacqueline Mowbray, for their invaluable assistance and support over the course of the parliament.

With these comments, I commend the committee's *Report 2 of 2019* to the House.