

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights
Response to Questions on Notice from Senator Thorpe:
Professor Matthew Gray & Dr J. Rob Bray
17 July 2024

Question. What are the implications of the Minister's broadened "discretionary power," and how could it potentially be used by future governments in even more restrictive ways?

Response:

We consider that the implications of these discretionary powers primarily concern the exclusion of the Parliament from significant decisions by current and future governments with respect to the application of these programs.