

To whom it may concern,

I submit to the enquiry that the citizens of the Territories should have the same rights as of the other States in Australia. The issue that I am debating on is if citizens of the Australian Capital Territory should have the same voting right as every other Australian reminds me of the absurd debate we had in the 1960s whether or not the indigenous people should have the same voting rights as all other Australians.

It is only just for them to have the right to be the equal as the vast majority of Australians said so. I have absolute confidence that if I put to the Australian people today, the majority would support the Canberran's rights to have the same equal voting rights as the Tasmanian's have. The issue is not euthanasia nor gay marriages rather the issue is about the Canberran's having their right to say/make their own decision and not to be told by a Federal minister what the Canberran's should believe or not believe according to his/her beliefs.

I can only come to one conclusion that citizens of the Australian Capital Territory should have equal voting rights as that of the other States. To be an Australian citizen is to be treated fairly, and definitely be granted equal voting rights, so that the all people have equal say and contribution to the Australian society.

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