

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of members and supporters of the Mornington Peninsula Human Rights Group draws to the attention of the House:

The National Human Rights Consultation Report (Brennan Report) recommends that "Australia adopt a federal Human Rights Act" (Recommendation 18). Although the Report discusses in detail what such an Act should contain, it does not provide a draft bill for the Act. This has allowed critics and opponents, especially *The Australian* newspaper, the Australian Christian Lobby and Archbishop George Pell, to mount an alarmist campaign based on speculation about possible adverse consequences of human rights legislation.

We therefore ask the House to:

introduce a bill for a Human Rights Act and release it for community comment before the next election.