



PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

21 August 2017

Mr Warren Bolton
Email: me@warrenbolton.com
Tel: 04 29394904

Dear Mr Bolton

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights.

The committee considered your correspondence and materials at its meeting of 13 June 2017, and your further correspondence in its meeting of 14 August 2017. I understand that you have received information about the committee's mandate and functions, as well as examples of legislation relating to refugees and asylum seekers about which the committee has commented in its scrutiny reports.

As you are aware, the committee has specific functions including to examine legislation that comes before the Parliament of Australia for compatibility with human rights as defined in the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* and to inquire into existing legislation as well as any matter relating to human rights which is referred to it by the Attorney-General.

Information on the committee's analytical framework and approach to human rights scrutiny of legislation is included at the beginning of each human rights scrutiny report published by the committee, under the heading 'committee information'. The committee's scrutiny reports are available on the link below:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Human_Rights/Scrutiny_reports

The committee appreciates your interest in its work and for drawing your views to its attention. I apologise for any confusion arising from the use of the term 'unable' in previous correspondence. However, noting the committee's specific functions and the need to allocate its resources and set priorities, the committee does not propose to take further action about this matter at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ian Goodenough MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights