



UNITING CHURCH RESPONSE TO HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
RESOLUTION 08.24

It was resolved to:

- 08.24.01 communicate to the Commonwealth Government its support for a national human rights charter that is born from widespread and effective community and stakeholder consultation;
- 08.24.02 call on the Australian Government to develop a national human rights charter which
- 08.24.03 a) implements Australia's commitment to human rights outlined in
- the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
 - the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and
 - the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- b) holds public institutions and officials accountable for upholding and promoting human rights in the creation and administration of public policy and practice;
- c) takes account of Indigenous Australians as the first peoples of this land and the long history of rights being denied to them; and
- d) is supported and policed by properly funded, independent mechanisms; and
- 08.24.04 affirm support for relevant campaigns for a national human rights charter with these aims.