

# Human Rights Act – what it means for your clients?

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## Overview

This livecast focusses on increased responsibility of the Act to include human rights as well as discrimination law and what this means for legal practitioners moving forward.

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## Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld) – what it means for your clients?

This session will focus on the following points:

### Introduction to the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)*

- What is the context for the introduction of the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* in Queensland?
- What rights does the Act protect:
  - 23 rights including the right to privacy, access to education, health services and cultural rights
- The commencement of the Act
  - Who and what sectors does it impact?
- Where to from here:
  - Stage 1 - The renaming of the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland to the Queensland Human Rights Commission from 1 July 2019
  - Stage 2 – Commencement of other obligations
- What to do if you experience human rights issues?
  - Dispute resolution process – Queensland is the only Australian state to have a dedicated complaints process

### Practical application of the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)*

- How can a Human Rights Act be used in litigation?
  - Example: The right to a fair hearing
- What is 'piggybacking'?
  - How can human rights complaints be combined with existing causes of action
- What resources are available?

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