

Human Rights Act 2004, Australian Capital Territory

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Some of the human rights listed include freedom of speech and assembly, the right to a fair trial, and equality before the law.

It contains some privacy provisions, and states that:

Everyone has the right:

- (a) not to have his or her privacy, family, home or correspondence interfered with unlawfully or arbitrarily;*
- and*
- (b) not to have his or her reputation unlawfully attacked.*

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