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PUBLIC LECTURE

HUMAN RIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA: Whatever happened to a fair go?

Julian Burnside QC

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Saturday 31 March 2007, 4–5.30pm

Coombs Lecture Theatre (Bldg 9)

Fellows Road, The Australian National University

This lecture is free and open to the public.

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Julian Burnside will speak about current developments in human rights in Australia. He will address in particular:

- What's Australia's past record in human rights?
- How have Australia's laws and policies changed recently?
- Why should Australians be worried?
- What can we do to re-establish a 'fair go' Australia?

Following Julian, Kurt Esser, Chair of The Justice Project (TJP), will give a brief introduction to the work of the organisation. Specifically, Kurt will focus on TJP's Human Rights Questionnaire which is to be offered to all sitting members and candidates prior to the next federal election. The completed questionnaires will lead to the development of TJP Rights Ranking Index. Canberra people will be able to take a leading role in this national campaign.



Julian is probably Australia's best-known refugee advocate. He regularly appears in the High Court in a range of areas including immigration and refugee cases.

Julian acted for the Ok Tedi natives against BHP, for Alan Bond in fraud trials, and for the Maritime Union of Australia in the 1998 waterfront dispute against Patrick Stevedores. He was the Senior Counsel assisting the Australian Broadcasting Authority in the 'Cash for Comment' inquiry and was senior counsel for Liberty Victoria in the Tampa litigation.

While specialising in commercial litigation, Julian has acted pro bono in many human rights cases, in particular concerning the treatment of refugees. Julian is a founding member and Director of The Justice Project, and is also President of Liberty Victoria.

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