

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

# HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTIONS – What does Australia Need?

Ms Navanethem Pillay  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

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**PANEL MEMBERS:**

**Ms Navanethem (Navi) Pillay: UN High Commissioner for Human Rights**



In 2008 the UN Secretary-General appointed Ms Pillay of South Africa as the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Before this Ms Pillay was a judge on the International Criminal Court, The Hague where she served for five years. From 1995–2003 she was a judge and for the last four years, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda where she played a critical role in the Court's groundbreaking jurisprudence on rape as genocide, as well as on issues of freedom of speech and hate propaganda. She was the first woman to start a law practice in her home province of Natal. She also acted as a defence attorney for anti-apartheid activists, exposing torture, and helping establish key rights for prisoners on Robben Island. After apartheid (1995), Ms Pillay was appointed a judge on the South African High Court.

**Dr Helen Watchirs: ACT Human Rights & Discrimination Commissioner**



Dr Watchirs was appointed as the ACT Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner in 2004 and as well as supervising the handling of over 700 discrimination and harassment cases, her work has focused on Human Rights Audits of ACT detention facilities. She has 29 years experience as a human rights lawyer working for Federal Government agencies, and several UN agencies in Geneva, including UNAIDS, WHO, ILO, UNDP and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Her PhD in Human Rights and Masters in Public Law focus on HIV/AIDS issues. Dr Watchirs is a member of the Federal Ministerial Advisory Council on Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections.

**Professor Tom Campbell: Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, ANU**



Professor Campbell was Professor of Jurisprudence at the Faculty of Law, University of Glasgow (1980–90). He was also Professor of Law (1990–2001) and Dean of Law (1994–97) in the Faculty of Law, ANU. Professor Campbell is currently a Professorial Fellow at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Charles Sturt University, Canberra. He has an ARC Discovery Grant to research an Australian alternative to Bills of Rights and plans to continue researching the role of corporations in relation to human rights. Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Campbell has written extensively on law and legal philosophy. His special interests are justice and human rights, business ethics and the legal theory of ethical positivism.

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