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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

Note: An electronic version of this Act is available in ComLaw (<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/>)



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[Assented to 19 December 1994]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Human Rights (Sexual Conduct) Act 1994*.

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## 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

## 3 Act extends to external Territories

This Act extends to every external Territory.

## 4 Arbitrary interferences with privacy

- (1) Sexual conduct involving only consenting adults acting in private is not to be subject, by or under any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, to any arbitrary interference with privacy within the meaning of Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Note: Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is set out in Schedule 2 to the *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986*.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, an adult is a person who is 18 years old or more.

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*[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
House of Representatives on 12 October 1994  
Senate on 7 November 1994]*