Human Rights (Sexual Conduct) Act 1994

Act No. 179 of 1994 as amended

This compilation was prepared on 5 August 2009 taking into account amendments up to Act No. 70 of 2009

The text of any of those amendments not in force on that date is appended in the Notes section

The operation of amendments that have been incorporated may be affected by application provisions that are set out in the Notes section

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An Act to implement Australia’s international obligations under Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

1 Short title [see Note 1]

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

2 Commencement [see Note 1]

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.


(2) For the purposes of this section, an adult is a person who is 18 years old or more.
Notes to the *Human Rights (Sexual Conduct) Act 1994*

**Note 1**

The *Human Rights (Sexual Conduct) Act 1994* as shown in this compilation comprises Act No. 179, 1994 amended as indicated in the Tables below.

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