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Hello Anne,

I am writing in response to the "Submission regarding the Mental Health Act (MHA) 1996" due 28 February, 2003.

I will write in point form for clarity as follows:

- \* For the Mental Health Act to be written in plain English, so that non-lawyers can interpret the Act.
- \* The rights of the Doctors are written clearly.
- \* The rights of the Consumer are written clearly.
- \* The rights of the Carer are written clearly.
- \* The rights of the Public are written clearly.
- \* The rights of a Mediator for the consumer are written clearly.

It would be helpful if the Mental Health Act could be set out as per the human rights document "Principles for the Protection of Person with Mental Illnesses and the Improvement of Mental Health Care" printed by the United Nations.

I am happy to photocopy the United Nations document for you at your request, otherwise it could be obtained through the internet or from the United Nations office located at Claisebrook House, East Perth.

As a consumer, I am very interested in seeing the Mental Health Act represent, protect and care for people with a mental illness.

Please phone me, if you would like further feed back.

Sincerely,

Donna Riseley,  
WACAG Management Committee Member.

