

# Consultation

**Consultation now open: Australian Human Rights Commission and World Economic Forum White Paper on Artificial Intelligence: Governance and Leadership**



([https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC\\_WEF\\_AI\\_WhitePaper2019.pdf](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf))

The Australian Human Rights Commission is conducting a project on Human Rights and New Technology (the Project). As part of the Project, the Commission and the World Economic Forum are working together to explore models of governance and leadership on artificial intelligence (AI) in Australia.

This [White Paper](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf) ([https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC\\_WEF\\_AI\\_WhitePaper2019.pdf](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf)) has been produced to support a consultation process that aims to identify how Australia can simultaneously foster innovation and protect human rights – as we see unprecedented growth in new technologies, such as AI. The White Paper complements the broader issues raised in the Commission’s [Human Rights and Technology Issues Paper](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-07/Human%20Rights%20and%20Technology%20Issues%20Paper%20FINAL.pdf) (<https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-07/Human%20Rights%20and%20Technology%20Issues%20Paper%20FINAL.pdf>). The consultation conducted on the Issues Paper and White Paper will inform the Commission’s proposals for reform, to be released in mid-2019.

The White Paper asks whether Australia needs an organisation to take a central role in promoting responsible innovation in AI and related technology and, if so, what that organisation could look like.

## Making a written submission

The Australian Human Rights Commission is calling for submissions responding to the questions in the [White Paper on Artificial Intelligence: Governance and Leadership](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf) ([https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC\\_WEF\\_AI\\_WhitePaper2019.pdf](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf)).

Submissions may be formal or informal, and can address some or all of the consultation questions.

The deadline for receiving submissions has been **extended until 5pm, 18 March, 2019**.

Submissions received after this date may not be considered by the Commission.

## How will my submission be used?

The information collected through the consultation process will be used for the purposes of the Project and may be drawn upon, quoted or referred to in any Project documentation.

The Commission also intends to publish submissions on the [Project website](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/) (https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/) unless you state you do not wish the Commission to do so. Publication by the Commission is at the discretion of the Commission. We may decide not to publish submissions or to remove information in submissions, such as personal information, prior to publication.

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<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submission-policy>  
(https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submission-policy).

Submissions can be sent to the Commission:

- by email to [tech@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au) (mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au)
- by post to: Human Rights and Technology Project, Australian Human Rights Commission, GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001

Please download and complete a submission form and send it to us with your submission.

## Download a submission form

- [Submissions form – Word](http://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/FORM_Submission_AHRC_WhitePaper2019.docx) (http://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/FORM\_Submission\_AHRC\_WhitePaper2019.docx)
- [Submissions form – PDF](http://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/FORM_Submission_AHRC_WhitePaper2019.pdf) (http://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/FORM\_Submission\_AHRC\_WhitePaper2019.pdf)

# What if I need to make a submission in a different way?

If you would like to make a submission in a different way please contact the Project team at [tech@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au) (mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au), Ph (02) 9284 9600 or TTY 1800 620 241.

## Human Rights and Technology Project

The Australian Human Rights Commissioner is leading a project focusing on human rights and technology. [More information about the human rights and technology project is available here.](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/our-work) (https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/our-work)

Easy to read information on the focus areas of this project can be found in the links below.

[Human rights and technology](#)

[Responsible innovation](#)

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[\*\*Click here to view submissions \(/submissions\)\*\*](/submissions)

## Consultation Process

An [Issues Paper on Human Rights and Technology](#)

([https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-07/Human%20Rights%20and%20Technology%20Issues%20Paper%20FINAL.pdf)

[07/Human%20Rights%20and%20Technology%20Issues%20Paper%20FINAL.pdf](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-07/Human%20Rights%20and%20Technology%20Issues%20Paper%20FINAL.pdf))

was published in July 2018. Consultations on the Issues Paper have now closed. [Click here to view Submissions received.](#) (https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/submissions)

A [White Paper](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf), co-authored with the World Economic Forum on **Artificial Intelligence, Governance and Leadership** ([https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC\\_WEF\\_AI\\_WhitePaper2019.pdf](https://tech.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/AHRC_WEF_AI_WhitePaper2019.pdf)), was published in early 2019. Consultations are now open and results will inform the Discussion Paper.

A Discussion Paper will be published in mid-2019. The Australian Human Rights Commission will be conducting consultations on the Discussion Paper proposals.

A Final Report and recommendations will be published by early 2020. Following publication, the Commission will focus on implementation of the Final Report.

For more information about participating in the consultation process please contact us at [tech@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au) (<mailto:tech@humanrights.gov.au>) or Ph (02) 9284 9600 or TTY 1800 620 241.

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