



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

(For official use only) PUBLIC PETITION NO.	PE
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1. Name of petitioner
Dr Ivan S Bishop
2. Petition title
Human Rights Act: Scotland
3. Petition summary
<p>Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to openly debate and pass a Bill clearly delineating a comprehensive Scottish Human Rights Act that embraces the needs of a free people and is in compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).</p> <p>Such a bill is nominally outwith Holyrood's competency as defined in the 1998 Scotland act (and its subsequent amendments).</p> <p>However, flagrant attacks on Westminster's HRA (1998) make it imperative the Scottish people draw a clear line in the sand over matters as fundamental to a modern progressive democracy as this matter.</p>
4. What action have you taken previously to resolve this issue?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A petition has been established on 38degrees to instantiate a level of public awareness and debate on this issue• Letter writing campaigns and email lobbying of MSPs has been encouraged• The Scots have consistently shown a greater desire to remain EU citizens than many others in the UK. They also recognize the need to maintain rights to assemble and partake in vibrant and vocal peaceful mass public demonstrations/rallies. Westminster attacks on the ECHR (ref) and Westminster's HRA do not bode well for the continuance of these freedoms.

5. Petition background information

- The 1998 WM HRA is a core component defining civil liberties and the government's obligations to protect these in accordance with the ECHR
- The HRA is part and parcel of the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement between WM and Eire
- The Unionist(Tory) alternative seeks to replace not only the ECHR but the existing HRA flying in the face of the majority of public opinion in the UK and within the EU. David Cameron is just biding his time before trying again.
- The Scots cannot sit back and see their ECHR/HRA rights to assemble, and demonstrate peacefully (among many others) being destroyed to protect a 'British state" they neither respect nor feel any connection to.
- An independent Scotland will be able to present its Human Rights credentials to the United Nations, the European Union to help promote our membership of these bodies.

6. Do you want your petition to be hosted on the Parliament's website to collect signatures before being considered by the Public Petitions Committee?

YES

7. Comments to stimulate on-line discussion

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8. Administrative information (not for publication)	
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E-mail address	
Statement to the committee	
Should the Public Petitions Committee consider it necessary to broaden its understanding of your petition, it may ask a petitioner to appear before it to speak and answer questions. If asked, would you wish to appear?	
YES	
Signature of petitioner	
When satisfied that your petition meets all the criteria outlined in How to submit a public petition the principal petitioner should sign and date below.	
Signature	
Date	
Completed forms should be returned to—	
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