

Significant achievements

- The National Inquiry into Discrimination against Same-Sex Couples regarding Financial and Work-Related Entitlements – *Same-Sex: Same Entitlements* was launched in April 2006. As at 30 June 2006, the Inquiry had received 340 written submissions.
- The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Employment and Disability *Workability II: Solutions* was tabled by the Attorney-General in federal parliament on 14 February 2006.
- The Commission has commenced an Indigenous Health Equality campaign that aims to eliminate the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples within a generation.
- The Commission released an overview paper in June 2006 of research and findings on domestic violence in Indigenous communities.
- *Rights of Passage – A Dialogue with Young Australians about Human Rights* was launched in November 2005. *Rights of Passage* provides current information about young people’s perceptions of their enjoyment of human rights in Australia.
- The *Striking the Balance: Women, men, work and family* project has conducted 37 consultations around the country and held a roundtable on the issues with stakeholders from academia, industry and the community. It continues to attract significant media attention.
- The Commission has developed culturally specific education materials on pregnancy, potential pregnancy and breastfeeding discrimination in the workplace for Indigenous women.
- The Commission and federal Attorney-General Philip Ruddock launched the magazine and CD *Voices of Australia – 30 years of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975-2005* in October 2005.
- The fourth edition of *Face the Facts* – the Commission’s most popular publication dealing with myths and misconceptions about Indigenous people, migrants and refugees - was released in October 2005.
- The Complaint Handling Section finalised 93 percent of matters within 12 months. 39% were finalised by conciliation.
- The Commission developed *Information for Students*, an online education resource for secondary school students to help them gain an awareness and understanding of human rights.

- The Commission has made a number of submissions to parliamentary committees on issues including anti-terrorism laws, migration laws, Family Law Act amendments.
- Five reports of breaches of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act were completed and the Commission was granted leave to intervene in five matters.
- Significant progress was made during 2005–06 towards a possible international convention on human rights and disability through a working group of the United Nations General Assembly. The Commission has continued to participate as part of the Australian Government delegation.
- Usage of the Commission’s web site has increased by 52 percent since 2004–05. In 2005–06 there were approximately **8,371,613 page views** on the server. This equates to approximately **71,779,044 hits** on the site in total.
- In March 2006, the Commission received an award to recognise long term support of the Jobsupport Program, which supports staff with intellectual disabilities in the workplace. The award recognises a staff member’s 15 years of employment with the Commission.