Is therapeutic recreation adding to peoples human rights, or taking away those rights?

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Theme focus: Australia is at the bottom of an expanding market for the Therapeutic Recreation professional for many reasons. Firstly therapeutic recreation student numbers and undergraduates of Universities continue to increase. Secondly, Australia’s population continues to age. With these two simple changes are we implementing good evidence based programs with our clients that actually contribute to a healthy outcome for the individual and their community or are we just merely running through a process that is not understood and benefits employee’s and government funding bodies. Has the practitioner at the coal face with clients every day neglected the need for leisure as a human right over compliance and employee self-satisfaction.

Session format: The session theme format would be a practitioner workshop where current practitioners working in therapeutic recreation sector or utilizing recreation for health improvements would present their current program as interactive as possible then allow for questions and audience members to add in their thoughts.

Abstracts should be 250-350 words clearly indicating the following information:

- Author name(s) indicating position and affiliation as well as full details of correspondence author.
- Full paper title as it will appear in the conference programme.
- Abstract including Background (outline of the context/literature informing the study or issue), Approach/methodology (indication of the broad theoretical orientation and/or methodological approach) and Significance/Key learnings (description/application of findings or key learnings).
- Full references for any research cited in the abstract (no tables, figures or footnotes).

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