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I propose and submit that the Bill of Rights include:

- the right of freedom of religion, which includes an equal share of government funds for children being taught in religious schools to those in government or private schools
- the right to protection and to life, which entails the state offering sanctuary to asylum seekers threatened with being deported offshore or to other countries, including their country of origin, if they are likely to suffer harm or death with such deportation
- the right, especially for children and youths, to have a home, rather than be homeless through no fault of their own
- the right of access to public places and public buildings for handicapped people using mobility aids such as wheel-chairs
- the right to a natural environment that will not be adversely affected by increasing global warming and resulting climate change, which entails a right to have governments that promote sustainable energy and sustainable environments, not the opening of new coal mines or the expansion of existing coal mines but the right to have government legislation that will result in existing coal mines being quickly phased out
- the right to have governments that protect the Great Barrier Reef from climate change and other threats such as the run-off of agricultural chemicals and sediments from coastal farms
- the right to have national parks that are not compromised by their use for commercial purposes, or the lack of control of feral animals and plants
- the right to have at least 20% of the State declared national parks, with the inclusion of a selection of well-chosen rich and diverse natural environments, not just land that nobody wants
- the right to have sustainable fisheries, which entails marine national parks in appropriate places and of suitable size
- the right to government legislation and action that counteracts the current mass extinction of species
- the right to be safe in public places, which entails government legislation that drastically reduces the hours in which alcohol can be served in pubs and clubs
- the right to be safer on the roads, which entails drivers of vehicles to have a zero alcohol reading and to be free from the effects of other drugs that impair driving ability
- the right to be free from domestic violence, which entails the government offering clear well-supported alternatives and clear guidelines to those in these situations
- the right to genuine democracy, free from political donations that compromise the political process and undermine democracy
- the right to freedom of the press, which is hampered when only one or a small number of media magnates dominate the press
- the right to a health system that protects the vulnerable, but which requires financial input from those who can afford it

- the right to a more equitable society, which requires the redistribution of wealth and the imposition of heavy taxes on the estates of wealthy people, e.g. estates worth over one million dollars
- the right to have a parliament with a system of checks and balances, which implies the reintroduction of an upper house of parliament as a house of review of proposed legislation
- the right to vote, which implies the continuation of universal suffrage
- the right to legal protection, which implies legal aid to those who can't afford it
- the right to purchase a property without being subject to government charges such as stamp duty
- the right, when imprisoned, to a system that is heavily designed to be correctional, not mainly punitive
- the right for indigenous people to have input into government decisions that affect them, so that they can have good health and education facilities, an average life expectancy, no unnecessary deaths in custody, suitable housing, as well as training and employment
- the right to freedom of association, except with people with serious criminal convictions.

Yours faithfully

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