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Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018.

Mr Peter Russo MP,  
The Chair,  
The Legal Affairs and Community Safety  
Committee,  
The Queensland Legislative Assembly.  
c/- Ms Renee Easten / Committee Secretary,  
Parliament House,  
George Street,  
BRISBANE, QLD, 4000.

re the current inquiry in respect  
of the so-called Human Rights Bill  
2018

Dear sir,

Well, if one would only read on, one might well appreciate, the sense of irony, I began to feel, when I found that, the operational frame-

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work, which would be put in place, by the above mentioned Bill, would be, to merely nominate, the office of, the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, as gatekeeper (so to speak), to the formal process of purporting to enforce the basic human rights to be gazetted under said Bill, and that is to say, to the effect of that, e.g. by way of the Anti-Discrimination Commission's own reports, it's not too hard to see, how, what is arguably the most important matter, under the existing Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, i.e. the protection of political activity (in our, purportedly, so free, fair, and democratic, society), has only rarely (for the seemingly most mundane of matters) ever been let through (into the said existing formal procedure) by said gatekeeper's office?

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\* to boot - or I might just add.

You see, in my view, the more recent - seemingly so (Party) political - calls, for a sort of stand alone Human Rights Bill, appear - at best - only quite superficial, for, as I've long been pointing out, those proponents (and/or would-be so) have overlooked (or deny), the fact that, we've practically, already had, a set of human rights (indeed with reference - on the very face of the enactments - in point - to international instruments) enshrined in statutes - or a kind of (de facto) Human Rights Bill (if you like), since the implementation of the so-called Fitzgerald-reforms, including, e.g. in the very said Anti-Discrimination-law.

The true mischief then, in my view - or very experience (if you like), is that, whilst it appears, that even

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under the said law, administrations etc., purportedly charged with the duty to execute the statutory schemes - in point, have not done so, so well, or, in order to just, realising, the true ambit, of the legislation, and dare I say it, seemingly, because of, the improper influences, of - Party-politically aligned-private organisations, not to mention, the whims of commentators, in the popularists' press, more generally speaking then, but anyhow, as I was about to say, the real issues, seem to lie in, things like, incompetence (and-at times even-perhaps-outright moral corruption) in the purported administration of the (long) existing schemes, leaving e.g. proposed fiscal constraints, technicalities (or merely proposed ones) and purely procedural matters, and suchlike, and so forth, to be exploited - by would-be administrators and unscrupulous litigants

alike, with a view to causing - like - so-called "review burnout (or what-have-you)", in order to excluding matters, of genuine merit, from ever being considered - in earnest, whilst relatively lesser matters, are sort of pumped through "the system" - and hyped up (in said media etc.) ...

So, in hindsight, I guess that, I might well have added, at the end of the initial introductory sort of paragraph - of this submission - above (herein), to the effect of, "and that's to say nothing, as to, the very stifling of Free Speech, that procedural conundrums - purportedly entertained by Queensland Magistrates - have contributed to!"<sup>33</sup>, and be that as it may, it would be my submission, that, at best, this matter, is premature, for, we first need to take, a good long look, objectively and

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all, at how we've purported to implement, like I say, the very Bills of rights, that we've long had-on the very statute books, before, we can even hope, to have a bit of an informed picture, as to how this one might end up - or go, and, well, who knows, for we might just discover, that it's largely unnecessary, anyhow, and, as I say, all, that's, really necessary, would be to address, the failings of the past - or very injustices (apparently effected in the purported administration etc. under things like the said Anti-Discrimination Act and the Peaceful Assemblies Act 1992 (Qld) for example).

Please then, put these matters to the committee, and advise me of any considerations it may make - as to same, in due course.

Yours faithfully  
 Bill Tait  
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