

To

The Secretary and Members  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament of Queensland

From

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I greet you all,

I wish to contribute to this enquiry by making the following, brief, submission.

1] It is obvious that to desire to advance the treatment of all people, fairly and equitably, in society has got to be a good thing: that's a 'motherhood statement' behind which tyranny can lie. Remember the famous phrase "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"? When was that uttered? During the bloody French revolution!

It is clear that nations like Zimbabwe and North Korea have impeccable Human Rights Legislation! Tyrants and demagogues aspire to such things as well as democrats.

In short, Bills of Rights, fine-sounding Declarations of Human Rights are **NO GUARANTEE** of the enjoyment of such liberties by the citizenry. There needs to be a shared moral framework which underpins these statements to enforce/support/deliver them.

2] From what I have read, there is much in this proposed Legislation and the established/rename QHRC itself, which is fine. However, the fact that only "SOME" rights are being enshrined\_promoted\_safeguarded, that's a worry!

There are a number which are fundamental and praiseworthy such as *freedom of assembly, right of property*. But it will be in their administration that the kind of régime we are developing will be seen.

3] I need not reproduce the media-release from "Cherish Life Queensland" concerning matters to do with pregnancy-termination aka abortion. Rights to life, freedom of speech and assembly ... all promoted in this proposed Legislation but snuffed out when relating to the abortion issue.

**These “rights” have no significance, it seems, when applied for proponents of the time-honoured view that life begins at conception? The answer seems to be a majority-vote can remove their rights, no questions asked.**

**4] It will not surprise members if I say that I would suggest that the ‘moral framework’ which has underpinned our society’s fabric has been the Christian Faith. In a time when this is not so readily accepted by the influential elite—though still numerically notionally the nation’s majority-preference Faith-of-choice.**

**Where such a consensus is spurned a recourse to legal wrangling will be the result and struggles for power will ensue from that.**

**I fear that such idealistic formulations as Human Rights Acts will not be a bulwark against naked, self-interested political power-grabs by unprincipled, ego-maniacs such as we have seen recently in Federal politics. This will increase personal, social and national dislocation.**

**I don’t want to be a “Jeremiah” aka prophet of woe or misery but I need to speak what I deeply believe to be true.**

**I wish the Committee well in your work of drafting and trying to balance the Legislation.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

Stefan Slucki