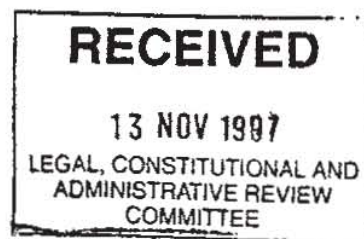


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To the Committee members,

Enclosed is my contribution towards Queensland's Bill of Rights:-

I refer to your Issues paper no. 3, dated September 1997. My answers to the list of questions on page 14 are:-

1. Yes, Queensland does need a bill of rights to protect individuals' human rights and animals' rights and freedoms in Queensland.
2. N/A
3. Yes, our bill of rights should contain all the rights contained in EARC's draft bill of rights, plus my own additions (see below at *).
4. Yes, it is desirable that a bill of rights contain economic, social, cultural and community rights. These should be enforceable and it is possible. Without making these enforceable, it gives the impression of downgrading those rights.
5. The Qld. bill of rights should not be able to be overridden by legislation of the Queensland Parliament.
6. Evidence obtained should be admitted automatically in any breach of Queensland's bill of rights.

* Please include the following rights in my contribution:-

Under "Civil and Political Rights"

(A) (cl. 32) to be reworded "of reasonable **and free** access to the State education system **at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.**"

(B) **Right to commit suicide in a way which harms no other person.**

© **Right to have legal access to any drug whatsoever.**

Under "Community and Cultural Rights"

(D) **Right to visit, at no charge, all National Parks in Queensland.**

(E) **Right for all National Parks in Queensland to be protected by the Queensland and/or Federal Governments from any commercial development, pollution, hunting or undue human interference.**

Under a new section entitled "Animal Rights"

All animals, domestic, agricultural, native and wild have the right

(F) **to be treated with respect and compassion at all times.**

Regards,



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