

11th. November, 1997

The Research Director,
 Legal, Constitutional and
 Administrative Review Committee,
 Parliament House,
 BRISBANE, Qld. 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

No, there is no need for Queensland to adopt a "Bill of Rights".

Under our Australian Constitution all "Rights" set out in the Issues Paper No. 3 of September, 1997, if not specifically outlined, are implied. To set up a Queensland Bill would only be doubling up on what we already enjoy and creating more bureaucracy in our overgoverned country.

Our rights, as individuals, to "human rights, civic and political rights" has been handed down to us in general principles since 1215. To endeavour to comprehensively cover these rights in legislation can have more pitfalls than there are at present for

If a 'right' is not covered by the legislation then that right is outside the law.

It seems to me that the E.A.R.C. recommendations are mainly related to protecting the "rights" of law breakers to the detriment of law abiding citizens. Many of their concerns would more properly be addressed by amendment to appropriate legislation without adding another Act to further complicate matters.

The International Agreements which Australia has signed were drawn up, in the main, by people from countries where individual rights are non-existent making it difficult for them to comprehend our system of Government with it's implied rights of freedom of speech, religion, culture, etc.

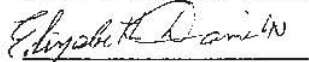
We live in a democracy which is government based on personal responsibility. We must never interpret "human rights" as an evasion of responsibility nor think that a responsibility is a hindrance to freedom - rather it is it's safeguard.

What we need, as much as anything, is to have our Constitution and

history taught in the classroom (without political bias). Australia must be one of the few countries in the world where schools do not salute the flag, sing the National Anthem and recite the Oath of Allegiance or Creed every day. Ask any Australian who was our first Prime Minister and we get a negative response - ask who was the first President of the U.S.A. and we hear a resounding George Washington.

The Australian Constitution is our Bill of Rights" and any attempt to circumvent it is detrimental to our basis rights and freedoms.

Yours sincerely,



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