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The Research Director,  
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 Parliament House,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: CALL FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS

You don't need to have another Bill of Rights, because you already have one. Thus debate on whether to "consider" a Bill of Rights is futile-you have one now.

I enclose a photocopy of a letter from Stephen Coates, Legal Advisor for the Attorney-General, Queensland, that says the Bill of Rights (1688) keeps in force in Queensland.

Under Clause 7 of the Bill of Rights, still operating in Queensland, there is a guarantee that the private citizen has the right to keep and bear arms, which means your government is already in breach of your own Bill of Rights.

You therefore need to act on your own government's breach of its own Bill of Rights and to keep implementing the other provisions of the 1688 Bill of Rights before you contemplate erecting another one. By some strange omission the 1688 Bill of Rights is missing from your Issues Paper # 3, September 1997.

Please let me know when you will start implementing your existing Bill of Rights 1688.

Yours faithfully,

*Geoff Muirden*  
 Geoff. Muirden,

Secretary, Australian Civil Liberties Union, PO Box 1137, Carlton, Vic, 3053 (03)9534 131421



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

16 AUG 1996

In reply please quote 96M 000911

Your ref:

Mr A. Fraser MP  
Member for Coffs Harbour  
Suite 2, 1 Duke Street  
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

Dear Mr Fraser

Status of the Bill of Rights 1688

The Honourable Denver Beanland MLA, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice has asked me to thank you for your letter of 17 June 1996 and to respond to you on his behalf.

The Honourable the Attorney-General has taken legal advice on the question raised by you being the status of the Bill of Rights 1688 ((1688) 1 William & Mary Sess. 2 c. 2).

The legal advice to the Honourable the Attorney-General is that the Bill of Rights 1688 continues in force in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

*S. Coates*  
STEPHEN COATES  
LEGAL ADVISER

**I need funds urgently to get this information out nationwide.**

**and PLEASE**

**Fax and photocopy these two pages until they fall apart.**

A. R. (Tony) Pitt - Editor  
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This letter is published in the national interest, to prove to all, that the hundreds of letters written by politicians and their speeches, and their interviews, saying there is no Bill of Rights, are vastly different to their internal communications. The lie is your and they lie to us. The instr med ll su to f Jan pre circulate of the truth, so photocopy this distrib