Submission re Bill of Rights

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It is my opinion that a bill of rights should be drafted and adopted to preserve the rights of individuals. There has been a movement among local government depts, to erode the freedom of people to enjoy the unencumbered use of their land for private usage and enjoyment by the enactment of various local local by laws. These by laws effectively prevent traditional use of their land by changing planning schemes to As of Consent Use, where previously it had been As of Right. Landowners who wish to change this would have no other recourse than to take legal action, which would be long drawn out and costly. There should be clear statements of individuals to enjoy the same rights on a Federal basis, and not have them restricted on local basis at the whim of a minority local group.

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