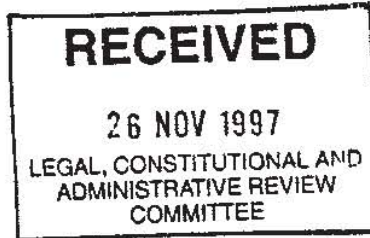


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The Research Director
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Re: Issues Paper No.3
 The Preservation and Enhancement of Individuals' Rights and Freedoms:
 Should Queensland Adopt a Bill of Rights?

With regard to a possible bill of rights for Queensland, we are opposed to any such move on the grounds that it would seem to be more likely that a bill of rights would generate more problems than it would be likely to resolve.

If however, a bill of rights should be introduced into Queensland, we would like to make the following points. The EARC Report heartlessly dismissed preborn human beings, presumably right up until the point of birth, as beings worthy of being given a right to life. In doing so, they set aside all the scientific evidence which establishes the conclusion that a new, unique human life begins at fertilisation. (Please ^{see} our original submission to EARC.) We would strenuously oppose any bill of rights ^{which} precludes a recognition of a right to life for preborn human beings.

Instead of giving recognition to a right to life to preborn human beings, EARC managed to propose the creation of a right to control fertility and a right to space children 38.(3), both of which were clearly meant to provide a back-door entrance to a right to abortion. No bill of rights is worthy of the title if it allows for one person to deliberately bring about the death of an innocent person: this is precisely what abortion entails. To try and introduce a right to abortion under the guise of a right to control fertility and a right to space children, is nothing short of deception.

In conclusion then, if there must be a bill of rights for Queensland, then it must recognise the right to life of all human beings, which must include the preborn. No recognition to a 'right to abortion' must be given, either directly or indirectly by means of purported rights to control of fertility or spacing of children.

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