

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my opinion regarding the proposal for a charter of rights in Australia.

As an ordinary citizen I am thoroughly opposed to such a proposal on the following grounds:

The power to make changes that will significantly impact on my life, should predominately stay in the hands of elected officials. Politicians (in marginal seats or otherwise) do take note (and act on) issues of importance to the electorate. Even if it means, on the odd occasion crossing party political lines. They are also easily accessible and this access is free.

Conversely, the exorbitant – and therefore prohibitive – cost of access to the legal system makes any recourse an unobtainable ideal for the majority of individuals. Further, judges are in a position of unaccountable power and lifelong security of tenure – both giving them unfettered reign to make decisions which innumerable times have proven to be contrary to the will of the people, as well as void of any hint of justice or sense of decency.

The legal system thus far has entirely failed – with all the authority it's been given- to deliver justice. Why would you give them more responsibility when they have entirely failed with what they've already been given? They have spectacularly succeeded in losing every last ounce of trust that might once have been placed in them.

The effect of a charter of rights would have is to inflict the demands of a very vocal, agitated, self-seeking MINORITY on the rest of us. There's a vast difference between tolerance and being forced to accept that which is intolerable.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Regards

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