

Australia does not need a Bill of Rights. This Bill is a blatant attempt at social engineering by leftists, civil libertarian advocates and supposedly progressive thinkers. It will do nothing to enhance or work for the betterment of Australia.

Australia's constitution, written in 1901 says, "Humbly relying on the blessings of almighty God". Inherent in Biblical law and also in common law is the foundational thought that a person is innocent until proven guilty. This new bill, brought into law, will reverse that time honoured and proven concept, one of the foundations of our freedom. The new Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012 is fallacious for several reasons:

It is impossible to outlaw offence, as admirable as the idea might be.

The ability to be offended is part of our freedom of speech the necessary part of the ongoing need for the exercise of love and forgiveness.

The preservation of our right to freedom of speech necessitates the freedom to be offended and the freedom to forgive.

As soon as human rights become 'identified' as opposed to being 'assumed' it creates a lawyers picnic.

The reversal of 'innocent until proven guilty' is an amputation of our human rights.

The more we go down this road, the more laws we will need and the making of them will never end.

The proposed Bill of Rights is a direct attack on church based charities who want to exercise their Christian conscience for the common good.

The new proposed legislation will further erode our natural rights and freedoms and is a case of political correctness on steroids.

[Justice Spigelman](#) is right: the proposed bill would impose unprecedented restriction on free speech.

The Australian Constitution has served Australia very well. No Bill of Rights is needed, nor will it provide the protection the constitution does.