

POLITICIANS' POWER GRAB ....AT YOUR EXPENSE

# The Australia Acts

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS OVERTURNED
LEGAL SAFEGUARDS REMOVED - PEOPLE DENIED THEIR RIGHT TO A REFERENDUM

Surprise major changes overturning State and Federal Constitutions are now almost completed - without the full knowledge, nor the consent by referendum of the people as a whole. Unprecedented reconstruction of our society is under way by means of a relatively unpublicized two-pronged operation -

- (1) the attempt to legislate a Federal Bill of Rights to be administered by a ('No-Rights-Allowed') Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, and
- (2) the passing of State, Federal, and United Kingdom Acts known as THE AUSTRALIA ACTS, that overturn our State and Federal Constitutions.

When these socialist manoeuvres take their toll, we Australians can expect -

- \*\* to lose our God-given rights and freedoms and legal safeguards;
- \*\* to lose benefits of our Constitution, the Monarch, and the Privy Council;
- \*\* to lose our national cohesion under Federation, God and the Flag.

+ GOD-GIVEN HUMAN RIGHTS

- + Whatever God has required of +
- + man, He has given man the + right and the freedom to do, +

BASIS OF THE ABOVE LEGISLATION: A Humanist anti-Christian world-view is reflected. The Bill of Rights stems from the International Treaties which put into operation the godless One-World Government plan of the United Nations. The Australia Acts (Request) Acts implement repugnant ALP policy [Comparison Chart inside] through the incredible co-operation of ALL Parties in ALL States.

ORCHESTRATED PRESSURE: Canberra's agenda for power is predictable, but it must have taken highly-orchestrated pressure from bureaucrats and experts in the 'right' quarters to have manoeuvred ALL State Parliaments (despite initial disagreement), and the U.K Government, into implementing such dangerous centralist legislation, severing the benevolent British links, and risking our future.

A REFERENDUM WOULD SAVE US: Let proponents of these unprecedented Acts, who say they reflect the will of electors and are no threat to our rights and freedoms, try to prove it to the people, and face the risk of rejection by referendum.

? ? ? \* WHY did Sir Joh introduce this Bill whose sections duplicate those of the ALP 1984 Party Platform - and NONE of it is National Party Policy???

\* WHY did the National and Liberal Party MPs vote for it? ASK THEM WHY!!

# FORMULA FOR A FEARFUL FUTURE

ALL of these pretences at establishing democratic freedoms are in reality attempts at bureaucratic control of the individual. Separately they are dangerous enough, but in combination they are a formula for a fearful future.

1. AUSTRALIAN BILL OF RIGHTS, 1985: In this so-called Bill of Rights, the Federal Government presumes to dictate to Australian citizens what are and are not their rights.

\* A BILL OF RIGHTS SHOULD RESTRICT \*

\* THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT \*

\* BUT \*

\* THIS 'BILL OF RIGHTS' LIMITS \*

\* THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE \*

This Act is designed to give teeth to THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, to alter our judicial system and deprive us of rights and freedoms traditionally enjoyed as our British heritage under Common Law, Magna Carta, the Habeas Corpus Act, and the 1689 Bill of Rights (limiting James II's power).

There is a provision which apparently allows us to retain any freedom that is inherent in British Law (Article 2). But this seems worthless in view of the passing of THE AUSTRALIA ACTS (REQUEST) ACT by ALL State Governments late in 1985. [See later to learn how rights may be lost.]

2. THE 'AUSTRALIA ACTS (REQUEST) ACTS

1985' (Passed by all Australian States in 1985)

THE 'AUSTRALIA BILL 1986' (Passed by Federal Parliament in 1985)

THE 'AUSTRALIA (REQUEST AND CONSENT)

BILL 1985' (Passed by Canberra 1985)

THE 'AUSTRALIA BILL 1986' (United Kingdom Parliament to pass it 1986):

These Acts, already passed by all State and Federal Parliaments (but not to become operative immediately) will "remove the constitutional links between Australia and the United Kingdom Parliament, Government and judicial system," [Qld.Hansard 26/9/85] thereby sacrificing all the benefits of our Commonwealth status.

3. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:
As Mr.Miles, MHR (Braddon) said in Parliament, those wanting the Bill of Rights to increase power to the Human Rights Commission are "the intellectual socialists of the ALP - those who want to, and believe they can, control the minds of people by legislating in this way."

Already the Commission is helping teachers to "remodel students' consciences in the interest of social justice.!" In Queensland the Education Minister (Mr. Powell) banned a Human Rights Commission Teaching Kit, which is being used in other States. It is NOT the role of teachers to manipulate students, and parents are rightly jealous of their God-given rights in this area.

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YOU VALUE YOUR LIBERTY. . . Then begin your own letter-writing campaign to the Queensland Premier and MPs (even if you live in other States). NUMBERS may persuade Sir Joh to REPEAL Queensland's Australia Act, then Canberra's whole manoeuvre flops, because the United Kingdom cannot pass their Act unless they are requested to do so by ALL AUSTRALIAN STATES. Also see how many newspapers will publish letters against severing us from the protection of the monarchy.

FORM LETTERS++++++++++FORM LETTERS
+ Read, sign and post +
+ enclosed petition letters +
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Simple rights, such as owning private property, sending your children to a private school, or growing your own vegetables, could be taken from you.

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\* Urge others to sign and post \*

\* copies of enclosed petitions \*

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# The Australia Acts

# AUSTRALIA ACTS TOTALLY IMPLEMENT SOCIALIST ALP PLATFORM

Compare for yourself the ALP Platform and the Australia Acts:-

#### Implemented by -**Australian Labor Party** <sup>±</sup> Australia Acts (Request) 1985<sup>±</sup> **Platform** ± + The Preamble names Premiers' ± Objectives Conferences that achieved ± ± the needed co-operation. Reform of the Australian Constitution and other political institutions ± to ensure that they reflect the will of the majority of Australian citizens and the existence of Australia as an independent republic S.1: Terminates power of U.K. ± Parliament to legislate ± for Australia; + **Principles of Action** ± S.2: Gives full legislative ± The Australian Labor Party believes that the task of building powers to the democratic socialism is a co-operative process which requires -Parliaments; ± S.3: Terminates restrictions Constitutional action through the Australian and State Parliaments, ± municipal and other statutory authorities. ± by U.K. Acts on State ± ± legislative powers; ± S.4: Transfers U.K. merchant **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM** ± shipping powers to Constitutional change ± States; ± S.7: Enables State Premiers To define and limit the powers of the Governor-General so as to ± ensure that he or she acts in accordance with the advice of the ± to control the Queen's government enjoying the confidence of the House of Representa-± powers and functions; tives. ± S.8: Terminates the Queen's ± power to disallow To bring about the complete legal separation of Australia from the ± suspend State laws; United Kingdom Crown and Parliament. S.9: Compels State Governors' To ensure that the High Court has final appellate jurisdiction in all ± to give assent to every questions. Bill passed; ± ± S10: Terminates U.K. Govern-Australian Parliament ment's responsibility The definition and limitation of the powers of state governors. for any State;

This Act could turn the States into virtual Republics -STATES = REPUBLICS:

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Queen and \*\*\* by removing from the the Governor, their power to protect us from State Governments, eg:

territory governments to be removed.

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no more laws may be reserved a) for the Queen's pleasure;

Colonial impediments on the power of the Australian, state and

- b) no more laws may be allowed by appeal to the Queen;
- no more laws may be withheld from assent by the Governor;
- no more appeals may be made to the Queen.

- \*\*\* by making the Queen and Governor rubber-stamps of the State, eg:
  - a) the Premier advises the Queen on appointment and dismissal of the Governor;

S11: Terminates our right of

(Queen in Council).

appeal to Privy Council

b) the Premier advises the on the exercise of her powers and functions.

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This Act was given royal assent in October 1985 and will become operatsimultaneously with the passing corresponding Bill in Britain.

#### WHAT YOU CAN ALSO DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE ::::

WE asked the Attorney-General to take an injunction against operation of WE petitioned Parliament for a Referendum as required the Australia Act. by S.53(2). WE advised the Governor that if no Referendum is held electors will take Supreme Court action as provided in S.53(5). YOU CAN WRITE ALSO. 

S.2(1) - STATES TO LEGISLATE EXTRA-TERRITORIALLY: States have always been denied 'extra-territorial' powers, and Federal Attorney-General (Mr. Bowen), gives no explanation for this change. It could be a device for Canberra to favour other (ALP) States that seek to prevent or interfere with business or Government operations in Queensland, by conflicting laws "operating extraterritorially" so as to void our laws. The Commonwealth Constitution allows Canberra to decide the outcome:

S.52. Parliament (may)...make laws ... in respect of: (xxv) The recognition throughout the Commonwealth of the laws, the public Acts and records, and the judicial proceedings of the States.

The possibilities of the application of this section 2(1) of the Schedules are enormous - its use in areas of State rivalry or of clashing ideology, or repugnant political policies, etc., could be a dreadful blow to peace and good government in Queensland.

S.16(1) - "CONSTITUTION" DEFINED: S.16(1) of the Schedules defines (and therefore presumably limits) the mean ing and content of the "Constitution of the Commonwealth". These words are now said to mean what is "set forth in Section 9 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act". (and presumably nothing else.)

IS FEDERATION BEING DESTROYED?: this mean that the Preamble is now not part of the 'defined' Constitution nor applicable any more to Australia? The Preamble is exceedingly important in that it is the basis of Federation:

"...humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God [the states] have agreed to unite in indissoluble Federal Commonwealth under the Crown of the United Kingdom ....and under the Constitution hereby established."

Without the Preamble, Federation loses its significant purpose - to enable Australians to serve God peacefully in the security of national cohesiveness

- (1) through its Christian religious world-view, and
- (2) through the indissoluble union of states forever.

Without the Preamble, Christianity and the Bible may lose legal recognition and Australia may become an unstable union of states. The ALP goal of setting up a Black Nation could be fulfilled without impediment and may well result in war between North and South. 

# The Bill of Rights

ALP DOUBLE STANDARDS AGAIN! The ALP legislates to cast off U.K. protection and then 'grants rights' under U.N. alien dictation! CHRIST, not UN, grants rights.

ALL CONTROL VESTED IN CANBERRA: The ! so-called Australian Bill of Rights! is a 'Bill of Wrongs' to centralize! power in Federal legislators, deliber-! ately designed to enable them -! \*\*

- to intervene in and void State! legislation;
- to circumvent our Constitution;

- Industrial System, marriage and the family, including the unborn, the handicapped and the aged;
- to limit the independence churches, religious associations;
- to limit and restrict any or all of the rights and freedoms it purports to 'grant' us;

to endanger our Justice system, ! so that ultimately we could find our-Police Force, Education System, ! selves in virtual slavery.

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THE UN TREATY CONTRADICTS OUR CONSTITUTION !! 1 1 Section 116 (Constitution): "The Commonwealth shall not make any law prohibiting the free exercise of any religion..." Article 18 (Covenant on Civil & Political Rights): "Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such <u>limitations</u> as are prescribed by <u>law</u>." 

### (The Bill of Rights continued)

Below are the rights 'given' to us by this Bill of 'Rights', but with the proviso in Article 3 that they can be taken away by law if deemed necessary:

### THE RIGHTS THE BILL "GIVES" US, (AND CAN TAKE AWAY!)

Equal protection of the law Rights of minority groups Right of participation in public life Freedom of expression Freedom of thought and conscience Freedom to have or adopt a religion or belief Right to protection from arbitrary interference Freedom of association Right of peaceful assembly Right to marry and to found a family Rights of the child Rights of persons in Australia Right to enter Australia Right to leave Australia Right to life

Liberty and security of person No Slavery and servitude Right to be informed of reasons for arrest and of charges Right to consult with lawyer and to remain silent Hearings, release and trial Right to test lawfulness of detention Presumption of innocence Right to fair hearing Rights of the accused relating to trial No retrospective criminal offences or penalties Right of review of conviction and sentence No trial or punishment for same offence Rights when deprived of liberty No torture or inhuman treatment and no experimentation without consent

THE BILL GIVES US NOTHING ... 

#### Article 1

### Entitlement to rights and freedoms without distinction

- 1. Every person is entitled to equality before the law and to the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in this Bill of Rights, irrespective of distinctions such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- 2. Men and women have the equal right to the enjoyment of the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in this Bill of Rights.

Which of these rights did we not have before as our British heritage?

We already have a right to ALL rights and freedoms not forbidden by existing laws. CLEARLY this bill give us nothing, and is SUPERFLUOUS.

2. THE BILL GUARANTEES US NOTHING... \_\_\_\_\_

### Article 3

### Permissible limitations

- 1. The rights and freedoms set out in this Bill of Rights are subject only to such reasonable limitations prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.
- 2. A right or freedom set out in this Bill of Rights shall not be limited by any law to any greater extent than is permitted by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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The formulators of this Bill anticilimitations 'justifiable' these rights, which means none of these rights remain secure once this Bill becomes law.

Rather this so-called Bill of Rights is providing for the removal of rights and freedoms we now enjoy.

THE BILL IS SUPERFLUOUS ... \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Article 2

### Effect of Bill of Rights on existing rights and freedoms

A right or freedom existing under, or recognised by, any other law shall not be taken to have been diminished or derogated from by reason only that the right or freedom is not set out in this Bill of Rights.

By all appearances, this article would seem to make the bill superfluous. Because of our British heritage, we Australians have all the rights quaranteed by MAGNA CARTA, the HABEAS CORPUS ACT, etc. This Bill gives us no right of action against violations.

The real potential for danger in the Bill of Rights will truly become apparent if ever we lose our British rights through Australia cutting her ties with England, WHICH ALL STATE FEDERAL PARLIAMENTS HAVE JUST LEGALLY DONE by the unpublicized passing of the AUSTRALIA ACTS.

Once the FEDERAL AUSTRALIA ACT is enforced Australians will have rights except those that are granted or defined by the Federal Government.

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ESSENTIALLY OUR OPPOSITION TO THE AUSTRALIAN BILL OF RIGHTS IS BASED ON ± ± ± RATHER THAN ON THE CONTENT OF THE BILL

THE CONCEPT ....IT SHOULD NOT BE FOISTED ON OUR NATION WITHOUT A REFERENDUM.....

The people did not elect the UNITED NATIONS to make our laws. ± An independent, sovereign Australia should NOT be dictated to by U.N. ±This double-standard Government denies THE QUEEN right even to veto bad laws.±

# Human Rights Commission

such as the protection of privacy, the : those summoned before the Commisright to silence, and when charged, : sion." not to be compelled to testify, all of : (From the Speech by Mr.Spender, MHR, which we already enjoy. Yet none of: Nth.Sydney, in Federal Parliament on these protections are allowed to apply: 14/11/85 - Hansard p.2756) to anyone required to appear before: the Human Rights Commission operating: The Federal Attorney-General said in a under this Act!

"This body, which is to be invested: Federal democracy, judge under this extraordinary law....: refused to make an amendment.

"There are no protections against the :

The Bill of Rights lists many rights, : law over the years, may be denied to

: speech to the Labor Lawyers Convention : in Melbourne last August that the Government would override with inquisitorial powers more appro- : State legislation which had been inpriate to a police state than to a : vestigated and reported upon by the is both prosecutor and : Commission, if the State concerned 

Commission. The Commission is given a : WRITE TO EVERY SENATOR - ASK THEM TO : blanket charter to make its own rules. : USE THEIR VOTE TO PREVENT this unpre-: The most elementary rules of natural : cedented opportunity for Federal in- : justice, rules that have been devel- : tervention in State affairs, and for : oped by the courts and by the common : a major shift in the balance of : : power between Canberra and the States:

Rona Writes....

## SECRECY SURROUNDS CONSTITUTIONAL MANOEUVRES QUEENSLAND AND OTHER STATES AID CANBERRA SOCIALISTS IN BID FOR REPUBLIC - WITHOUT ANY MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE

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I first heard of 'a Bill to sever residual links with the Queen' last September by reading in Hansard the Governor's Speech Opening Parliament - the media was strangely silent and the Australia Acts (Request) Bill became law fanfare, or the public debate I was expecting) before I was able to contact Sir Joh or go into print about it.

LOOK AT THE POLITICS OF THE AUSTRALIA ACTS: Sir Joh told me he introduced this Bill only after much thought and "on the highest legal advice" in Queensland's best interests. As a record-breaking premier, Sir Joh EXCELS AT POLITICS and I suggest our only hope is if he returns to his area of expertise, and instead of sifting conflicting LEGAL interpretations, he considers this constitutional restructuring from a POLITICAL point of view - as AN ALP POLITICAL MANOEUVRE.

SEE IT FOR WHAT IT IS - AN ALP VICTORY: This Act went far beyond what was necessary to deal with a few 'anachronistic' laws. It is clear what it is - an immense political 'con' - a victory for the ALP, handed to them by a conservative government. I have spent weeks phoning people, alerting as many as possible to this constitutional crisis, and they all react alike: "SURELY NOT OUR PREMIER?? WHO ARE HIS ADVISORS? WHAT ARE THEY DOING AND WHY?"

In response here is something to consider:

1. BUREAUCRATS PREVENT SCRUTINY OF THEIR LAWS: Ever since STOP & CARE came into existence almost 15 years ago we have been battling with bureaucrats with a certain amount of success. With the Australia Act in force, our avenues of operation are considerably lessened - we can no longer appeal to the Governor to hold up a law till the people have had time to study it; now write to the Queen for help; nor go to the Privy Council to have wrongs put right; and our freedom of expression could now be taken from us under this Act. We are very much the losers under this constitutional change.

2. BUREAUCRACY UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY: Our democracy is also a loser. Autocratic passage of, and autocratic assent to, legislation has given an unelected bureaucracy excessive domination over the people of Australia. It is the bureaucracy that advises, instructs, deters, and manipulates circumstances involving each Minister, who, after all, is only one person against an entire machine.

The people are powerless against the bureaucracy ONLY if the actions of the bureaucracy are invisible to the public and hidden from their investigation. I feel that alterations to our system of government, involving the divisions of power originally shared with the people, is proof that the bureaucracy is the dominating factor in this Government.

I am sure when people discover the facts, most will believe that, in the matter of the Australia Acts, our Premier has been totally ill-advised by his bureaucrats - small consolation, however, when things go wrong.

LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN: To encourage you to write letters, here is copy of a letter I sent to about 60 newspaper editors:

"Recent constitutional manoeuvres by all governments now place an obligation upon each one of us to ask our politicians why our constitutional privileges were taken from us, without a referendum, by the passing of the Australia Acts (Request) Act, enacted in Queensland on 16th October last.

"Any of our freedoms could now be restricted by any Act and The Australia Act (Ss. 8 and 9) prevents any appeal to the Queen or the Governor against such a law, and Queensland suffers as well from not having an Upper House.

"Who would have thought SIR JOH would introduce legislation that puts into operation major repugnant parts of the ALP political platform!

"How could be acquiesce in what both LIBERALS and ALP say are manoeuvres by Socialists to centralize total power and to deprive us of our protective right of access to the Monarch. Sir William Knox has warned of the Hawke Government's plan to appoint a Viceroy, who could supercede all Governors.

"How strange for our Premier to agree to change vital protective sections of Queensland's own Constitution WITHOUT THE REFERENDUM as required by s.53. And who advised our Premier to promote a Bill to change the Australian Constitution, removing the Queen's sworn protection of her subjects' rights, when s.128 clearly says that no change shall be made except by referendum.

"LIBERAL MPs debated in Parliament AGAINST the Bill, especially highlighting the loss of our right to appeal to the Privy Council over a hostile High Court - and then they voted FOR IT along with the Nationals and ALPs! It certainly is time we questioned our MPs."

Please send me the cutting if you see it published. Earlier shorter letters to the 'Telegraph', 'Courier-Mail', 'Sunday Mail' and 'Australian' were not printed. What a day of reckoning when people come to realize (and they WILL) that they were kept in the dark and quietly 'sold out' without a Referendum.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rona Joynes.

Director.

SOME PROVISIONS RE REFERENDUM REQUIREMENTS - COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION

S.128. This Constitution shall not be altered except in the following manner:—
"The proposed law for the alteration thereof must be passed by an absolute majority of each House of the Parliament, and not less than two nor more than six months after its passage through both Houses the proposed law shall be submitted in each State and Territory to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives."

"And if in a majority of the States a majority of the electors voting approve the proposed law, and if a majority of all the electors voting also approve the proposed law, it shall be presented to the Governor-General for the Queen's assent."

### REQUIREMENT FOR REFERENDUM - QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION

S.53(1). "A Bill that expressly or impliedly provides for the abolition of or alteration in the office of Governor or that expressly or impliedly in any way affects any of the following sections of this Act namely —

Sections 1, 2, 2A, 11A, 11B, 14; and this section 53

"shall not be presented for assent by or in the name of the Queen unless it has been approved by the electors in accordance with this section and a Bill so assented to consequent upon its presentation in contravention of this subsection shall be of no effect as an Act."

If words still mean what they say, and the Australia Act has been assented to in contravention of this subsection, then HOW CAN THE AUSTRALIA ACT have any effect as an Act??

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF STOP PRESS

Democracy does not depend on the electoral boundaries, or the so-called 'value' of each vote. A democracy will only contain civil war and community unrest, where -

a) there is a division of power in the administration of law and justice; b) there is a system of review, so that legislation rushed through Parliament in the middle of the night must be exposed to the light of day so that electors can petition the Governor to withhold his assent until all have been assured.

Now compulsory opportunities for review have been wiped out. The three Parliamentary Parties in every State have agreed to autocratic government of the people - they have voted for autocratic passage of legislation.

This denies the electors the ability to exercise their involvement in, and the self-protection from, the government and the bureaucracy of the day, day by day.

J. Hayden, EKIBIN.

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