

# The Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

***All politicians and candidates for office must respect, cherish and protect these universal fundamental rights and responsibilities.***

## The Preamble

Human rights are necessary for individuals to live lives of dignity and value. Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of individuals improves the welfare of the whole community. Having these rights detailed here makes it easier for them to be respected in the development and interpretation of legislation.

We the People of Australia believe that a shared set of fundamental values or core beliefs – our rights and responsibilities – gives all citizens the best opportunity to live their lives freely and fearlessly. We aspire to be a peaceful people with tolerance and understanding of all people regardless of cultural, ethnic and social differences – we welcome all to live work and play here, provided that visitors and new citizens also adopt and cherish our inalienable rights and responsibilities.

For this to be so we pledge to use and enjoy our fundamental rights mindful that we do not have the right to infringe upon or diminish those same rights enjoyed by others.

These rights are sacrosanct, equal and inalienable to each and every citizen of Australia. Also, the enumeration of certain rights in our Bill Of Rights and Responsibilities shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

## **In order to enjoy the 15 fundamental Rights we hereby accept the following Responsibilities –**

a) We commit to avoid initiating the use of force, fraud and coercion in our interactions with each other. Citizens retain the right to protect themselves and their families.

b) We accept that the government's power comes from the People and that we are ultimately responsible for the use of this power. Therefore, it is up to us to define the government's role and place appropriate limits on its power by exercising our democratic vote.

c) To the best of our abilities we accept responsibility for our life, actions and behaviour.

d) We, the adults of Australia, commit to do our best to raise our children in a safe, healthy and happy home. We also pledge to give them an education designed to teach the values and the life skills needed to prosper in freedom - one that is untainted by political indoctrination or under-education.

We also understand that much of the troubles between people - and indeed nations - stems from unresolved trauma and wounds from our earliest relationships. While these troubles often begin behind closed doors the effects spill over into our day to day lives. Many of us are thus unable to function as mature adults. We must all take the quest to be the best we can be as one of our most important endeavours because nobody can do this for us.

e) We accept that there is a need to care for our environment and live in a sustainable fashion. To the best of our ability we commit to avoid polluting our soil, air and waters. We also encourage our trading partners to do the same so that their people can enjoy safe air and water. We also believe that nations must retain full control of their natural resources and ideally in a democratic way share the environmental costs and tangible benefits of the use of these resources.

f) To advocate the concept of a minimum sustainable income for all.

We also commit to corporate law that makes corporate directors and CEOs accountable to their shareholders, workers and customers. We can only prosper in freedom if all stakeholders get a fair go.

g) To develop and maintain a stable monetary system with a clearly defined limit on the growth of the total stock of money. We do not accept corporate or government manipulation of the money supply to steal the people's wealth or increase the government's power.

### **Our Constitutional Bill of Rights**

There are fifteen core rights that are essential to protect citizens from abuses. These rights can help us achieve a better society provided the key responsibilities listed in the Preamble are also respected and used as the basis of our legal system.

#### **Our Rights -**

1. The Right to Life
2. The Right to Liberty
3. The Right to Own Property
4. Freedom of Thought, Belief and Speech (and other forms of Expressing our ideas and beliefs).
5. Freedom of Assembly
6. Freedom from Arbitrary Rule
7. Freedom from Unjust Taxation
8. The Right to Maintain Privacy
9. The Right to Remain Silent
10. The Right to petition the Government for a redress of grievances
11. A strict separation of the Judiciary, Religious Institutions and the Government
12. Freedom from Unwarranted Search, Seizure and Arrest
13. The Presumption of Innocence until proven Guilty by due Legal Process
14. The Right to a prompt, public trial by an impartial Jury of your peers
15. Habeas Corpus