

## **A Civil Liberties Bill**

A Bill for an Act to secure and promote the civil and political rights and freedoms, protections and immunities of persons in the Commonwealth of Australia.

- 1 Notwithstanding any other law,
  - (a) the rights and freedoms, protections and immunities apparently secured to persons in the jurisdiction of the states signatory to the European Convention on Human Rights and the five Protocols as the same appear in the text set down in the Schedule to this Act shall be rights and freedoms, protections and immunities secured by the law of the Commonwealth of Australia to persons within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth and shall prevail over any law of the Commonwealth inconsistent therewith, and
  - (b) the rights and freedoms, protections and immunities declared in the text in the Schedule shall be deemed to have been duly declared under and by the law of the Commonwealth and they are by this Act secured to persons within the jurisdiction of the courts and tribunals of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Schedule

[\(the whole complete European Convention and Protocols\)](#)

(The bill, amended appropriately for the name of the jurisdiction, should be made the law of all of the jurisdictions - the Commonwealth of Australia, each of the six States, and the two Territories)

ENDS

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