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Bill of rights would be wrong

I AGREE in total with George Brandis, in his article on the uselessness of a bill of rights in Australia where we have a government voted in by the people.

I can see only trouble if some powers are given to the judiciary who are not voted for in our democracy.

They can be appointed by the party in power at the time and might be biased in their judgments.

If I may quote from Nigel Greenwood's excellent book, *For the Sovereignty of the People*: `` Every age and generation must be free to act for itself, in all cases, as did the ages and generations which preceded it. The vanity and presumption of governing beyond the grave is the most ridiculous and insolent of all tyrannies.

`` Every generation is, and must be, competent to all the purposes to which its occasions require. It is the living and not the dead, that are to be accommodated. When man ceases to be, his power and his wants cease with him."

`` Do we dare boast that we have at last attained the true Age of Enlightenment, that our moral and ethical philosophies at this instant deserve carving in stone to last a thousand years?"

David Davies