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Gary Howe (Letters, September 1) repeats the old argument against a bill of rights – that it will shift power from elected representatives supposedly directly responsible to the voters, to unelected and unaccountable judges.

It is a pity he chose that argument on a day when an unelected, unaccountable judge threw out the decision of an elected, accountable minister on a development matter, using the word "bribe" in doing so ("ALP donor housing projects scuttled by court", September 1).

It was also the day that Glenn Maguire, chief economist of a large international bank, called for the Reserve Bank governor to prevent an asset price bubble (Letters, September 1) – an action he thought would be politically unpopular, but ultimately right. The governor is another of those unelected, unaccountable officials – fortunately.

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