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## THE BRITISH HERITAGE OF OUR FREEDOMS: THE UNTOLD STORIES

As part of the Foundations of Western Civilisation Program, the Institute of Public Affairs has produced a series of short films which explain the important role that British Institutions have played in shaping our nation.

“Civil society, liberal democracy, constitutional government, the rule of law and individual rights are all essential features of our free society,” said Dr Bella d’Abrera, Director of the Foundations of Western Civilisation Program at the IPA.

“Institutions provide an important foundation for a society to attain its full potential. They are a legacy to this generation, passed down by those who have sought freedom of conscience, religion, speech, and the right to participate in politics and public debate,” said Dr d’Abrera.

“Our first film, ‘The Magna Carta in Australia’ is being released today. It tells the story of the Magna Carta as the founding document of individual liberty, the rule of law, and parliamentary democracy and its relevance to Australia today”.

The second film, entitled ‘*The Castle in 18th Century Australia*’, reveals how important the concept of the rule of law was to the British founders of the colony of New South Wales. The final film, ‘Australia’s own Tea Party Revolution’, is about the untold story of the Eureka Stockade, which was actually a revolt against excessive taxation on our goldfields which led ultimately led to the right to vote.

A new IPA film from the Foundations of Western Civilisation Program, will be released each two weeks over the next month and will be available at: [www.ipa.org.au/heritage-of-our-freedoms](http://www.ipa.org.au/heritage-of-our-freedoms)

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