



ELECTION 2010

Essential Pro-Life

VOTING GUIDE

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The aim of this voter's guide is to help you to cast your vote in an informed manner consistent with your Christian faith. It will help you to avoid choosing candidates who endorse policies that cannot be reconciled with the moral norms once held by *all* Christians. If our task was to merely select the most effective *strategy* among several morally good options, then a Christian could take one side or the other and not act contrary to their faith. But some issues concern 'non-negotiable' moral principles with no room for exceptions or compromise. This pro-life voter's guide is comprised of two documents: the House of Reps guide (green) and the Senate guide (red).

THE LOWER HOUSE (HOUSE OF REPS)

This part of the guide is green because the Lower House is colloquially known as the 'green house' owing to the colour of the leather seats in that House. The party who wins the most seats in the Lower House will form the next government. Your vote in the Lower House will inevitably end up helping either the Labor Party or the Coalition to win the election. Only 3 of the 150 seats are currently represented by Independents, so this illustrates that even if you vote for an Independent or a Minor Party as your first preference it will still count as a vote for either Labor or the Coalition. Very often both major parties nominate less than perfect candidates in your Lower House seat. This means as you order the ballot, it is often a case of choosing the lesser of two evils.

In this document you will find the full list of the current sitting members of the Federal House of Representatives. You will be able to see who currently holds the seat in your electorate and if they have voted on any past Bills concerning the life issues. On the back page we will then focus on some 'key marginal electorates' that pro-lifers should watch closely on election night. The seats that were decided by a small margin during the last election (2007) will matter the most in this election. 'Safe seats' with a wide margin never change hands so they are strategically less important. Keep this guide handy on election night and it will help you to analyse the result updates from a pro-life perspective.

THE 5 NON-NEGOTIABLES

The following are 5 'non-negotiable' issues to help you narrow down the list of acceptable candidates. **1. Abortion 2. Euthanasia 3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research 4. Human Cloning 5. Homosexual 'Marriage'**. We should avoid, to the greatest extent possible, voting for candidates who endorse or promote intrinsically evil policies. As far as possible, we should vote for those who promote policies in line with the moral law.



PARTIES AND GROUPS



PGPD

The Parliamentary Group on Population and Development are MPs committed to the goal of population reduction. PGPD members lobby for increased funding of anti-life government programs (contraception, sex education and abortion), especially in third world countries. They are the 'death peddlers' within the Australian parliament.

EMILY'S LIST

EMILY's List is an acronym which stands for 'Early Money Is Like Yeast'. It is a group that raises funds for radically pro-abortion female candidates, exclusively for the Labor Party. If elected, all members of the List are obliged to support pro-abortion legislation. It is crucial for pro-lifers to always oppose them at every turn. These candidates are a bio-hazard!

Many candidates are members of parties and/or groups that as a collective contravene one or more of the 5 non-negotiables. The most glaring anti-life non-party groups are detailed above - Emily's List and the PGPD (Parliamentary Group on Population & Development). It is also important to look to anti-life policies in the platform of a political party and how each party preferences their vote. Even if both of the major parties are running tainted or completely anti-life candidates in your lower house seat, some smaller parties that are fundamentally pro-life in their policies do represent a viable vote in the Senate (upper house). Please see red sheet for instructions on how to vote for the Senate where, in many ways, your vote can be more powerful.

MARGINAL & KEY SEATS

IMPORTANT ELECTORATES FOR PRO-LIFERS

NON-PREFERRED
CANDIDATE DETAILS



ELECTORATE NAME,
MARGIN & DETAILS



PREFERRED
CANDIDATE DETAILS

<p>Damian Hale (ALP) Not suitable for parliament. Serious personal issues. Very important he loses this extremely marginal seat.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Solomon, NT ALP Margin of 0.2% Darwin metro area, incorporating the Darwin & Palmerston City Council areas</p>		<p>Natasha Griggs (CLP) Not much is known about this Country Liberal. Married. Must win seat for Coalition. CLP generally conservative.</p>
<p>Susan Templeman (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Board of Directors for Family Planning NSW. Long-term anti-life associations.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Macquarie, NSW ALP Margin of 0.3% Covers the Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury local government areas</p>		<p>Louise Markus (LIB) Pro-life voting record. Opposed RU486 and won pro-life award from ACL. Practicing Christian.</p>
<p>Fiona Macnamara (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Feminist. Former 'Women's Officer' for the Australian Education Union.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Dickson, QLD ALP Margin of 0.8% Kurwongbah, Petrie, Strathpine, Albany Creek, Ferny Hills, Everton Hills, Murrumba Dns & Kallangur</p>		<p>Peter Dutton (LIB) Mixed voting record. Voted against abortion pill but in favour of embryo research. He is against gay marriage.</p>
<p>Janelle Saffin (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Supported abortion pill as a state MP. Campaigned for 'transgender rights'.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Page, NSW ALP Margin of 2.4% Covers Grafton & also Casino, Lismore and Ballina in the Richmond River valley</p>		<p>Kevin Hogan (NAT) Spent 7 years as a Catholic HS teacher at St Mary's, Casino. Not much known about his views on life issues.</p>
<p>Kerry Rea (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Enthusiastic supporter of homosexual lobby. Won seat in 2007.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Bonner, QLD ALP Margin of 4.5% Brisbane inner-eastern suburbs</p>		<p>Ross Xavier Vasta (LIB) Pro-life voting record. Opposed RU486 and human cloning whilst a member for this seat from 2004-2007.</p>
<p>Rick Sarre (ALP) University Professor in Law. 'Progressive' side of legal fraternity. Life issue stance unknown.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Sturt, SA LIB Margin of 0.9% Adelaide eastern suburbs stretched in a north-south line between Mt Barker Road and Grand Junction Road</p>		<p>Chris Pyne (LIB) Pro-life voting record. Seat in danger because Gillard is polling well in SA. Pyne received ACL award.</p>
<p>Alannah MacTiernan (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Serial drink-driver. Supported abortion as state MLA. Pro homosexual lobby.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Canning, WA LIB Margin of 4.4% Perth's SE suburbs; extends down the SW Highway to Waroona & along the Albany Highway to Boddington</p>		<p>Don Randall (LIB) Pro-life voting record. Opposed RU486 and human cloning Bills. Won a pro-life award from ACL.</p>
<p>Joy Banerji (ALP) EMILY's List Candidate. Local councillor. Her mother was a founding member of radical feminist group WEL.</p>		<p>Federal Seat of Menzies, VIC LIB Margin of 6.0% Bulleen, Doncaster, Templestowe, Donvale, Warrandyte and Wonga Park</p>		<p>Kevin Andrews (LIB) Pro-life voting record. Led anti-euthanasia campaign. High profile practicing Catholic.</p>

N.B. There are other important seats and this is just a small snapshot of the electorates that will decide this election. Not all the candidates in the right column are perfectly pro-life, however, they do, at the very least, represent the lesser of two evils.