



NSW ELECTION 2011

Essential Pro-Life

VOTING GUIDE

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA



How to use this Voter's Guide

The aim of this 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. The pieces of legislation considered by the NSW parliament (all morally unacceptable in their own right) referred to in this voter's guide are:

- 1. The Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Bill 2010 (No. 2)** amended the *Adoption Act 2000* and legalised the adoption of children by homosexual couples (i.e. children being deliberately denied either a mother or father).
- 2. The Relationships Register Bill 2010** extended the definition of 'de facto partner' to homosexual couples and allowed heterosexual and homosexual non-married couples to register their relationship with the state (which is an attempt to equalise marriage and these so called 'de facto' relationships).
- 3. The Surrogacy Bill 2010** legalised surrogacy 'parentage orders' for married, 'de facto' and homosexual couples using the IVF system to conceive a child in a multi-party arrangement (i.e. a woman carries another couple's IVF conceived child by legal agreement).
- 4. The Miscellaneous Acts Amendment (Same Sex Relationships) Bill 2008** amended various other pieces of existing legislation to give legal recognition to lesbian couples where both lesbians want to be considered 'parents' of a particular child (i.e. the non-birth 'mother' replaces the father in applicable situations at law).
- 5. The Human Cloning and Other Prohibited Practices Amendment Bill 2007** legalised 'Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer' (a process of human embryo creation without fertilisation), often referred to as 'therapeutic cloning'. It was a bill that further liberalised the destructive embryo research laws enacted in 2003.
- 6. The Human Cloning and other Prohibited Practices Bill 2003** legalised the use of 'spare' human embryos for scientific testing. Human embryos created in the IVF program were able to be deliberately destroyed and manipulated in the lab after the passage of this bill.

The Lower House (Legislative Assembly)

There are 93 seats in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. Every voter has a 'local member' who represents their particular area (a 'seat' or electorate). For **Kristina Keneally's Labor** to win the election in their own right they need to control 47 seats in the Assembly. They currently hold 50 seats. **Barry O'Farrell's Coalition** (Liberal/National) holds 37 seats and will need to gain an extra 10 seats to form Government in their own right. There is currently 6 Independent representatives in the lower house.

During the Labor government's near 16-year tenure (going back to 4 April 1995), there have been four different Premiers: Bob Carr, Morris Lemma, Nathan Rees and the 42nd Premier of NSW Kristina Keneally. None of them posted pro-life voting records and each of them has supported the anti-life agenda at various crucial moments.

In the last term of parliament, Labor was particularly active in supporting the homosexual activist agenda (see the voting tables inside). Although the Labor Government did not introduce the *Adoption Amendment* (Independent Clover Moore sponsored it), it has been Labor's support of the homosexual activist agenda which enabled broad changes to family law to appease the so called 'gay rights' movement.

Liberal Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell also has a wholly unsatisfactory voting record: he has supported EVERY one of the bills mentioned above. His Coalition partner, Nationals Leader Andrew Stoner, has a better but imperfect voting record: Stoner supported the *Miscellaneous Acts Amendment (Same Sex Relationships) Bill 2008*.



KEY

X - Anti-life Vote **O** - Pro-life Vote

EMILY'S PGPD (Parliamentary Group for Population & Development)

NB. Politicians who have at least one **X** are not pro-life. Those politicians showing consistent **O** may not necessarily be 100% pro-life either (however preferable to proven anti-lifers). Contact individual members to clarify their views further.

1.SAME SEX ADOPTION
2.SAME SEX REGISTER
3.SURROGACY BILL
4.SAME SEX AMENDMENTS
5.HUMAN CLONING
6.EMBRYO DESTRUCTION

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Albury	APLIN, Greg	Lib		O	O	O	O	X	O
Auburn	PERRY, Barbara	ALP		O	X	O	X	O	O
Ballina	PAGE, Don	Nats		O			X	X	X
Balmain	FIRTH, Verity	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Bankstown	STEWART, Tony	ALP	Retiring	O	X		X	X	X
Barwon	HUMPHRIES, Kevin	Nats		O			X	O	
Bathurst	MARTIN, Gerard	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X	O	X
Baulkham Hills	MERTON, Wayne	Lib	Retiring	O	O	O	O	O	O
Bega	CONSTANCE, Andrew	Lib		O	X	X	X	X	X
Blacktown	GIBSON, Paul	ALP	Retiring	O	X			O	O
Blue Mountains	KOPERBERG, Phil	ALP	Retiring	X	X			X	
Burrinjuck	HODGKINSON, Katrina	Nats		O	O	X	O	X	X
Cabramatta	LALICH, Nick	ALP		O		X			
Camden	CORRIGAN, Geoff	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Campbelltown	WEST, Graham	ALP	Retiring	O	X	O		O	O
Canterbury	BURNEY, Linda	ALP		X		X	X	X	X
Castle Hill	RICHARDSON, Michael	Lib	Retiring	O	O	O	O	O	X
Cessnock	HICKEY, Kerry	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X	X	
Charlestown	MORRIS, Matthew	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarence	CANSDELL, Steve	Nats		O		O	X	O	X
Coffs Harbour	FRASER, Andrew	Nats		O		O		X	X
Coogee	PEARCE, Paul	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Cronulla	KERR, Malcolm	Lib	Retiring	O	O	O		O	X
Davidson	O'DEA, Jonathan	Lib		O	X	O	X	O	
Drummoyne	D'AMORE, Angela	ALP	Retiring	O		X	X	X	X
Dubbo	FARDELL, Dawn	Ind		X	X	O	O	X	
East Hills	ASHTON, Alan	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Epping	SMITH, Greg	Lib		O	O	O	O	O	
Fairfield	TRIPODI, Joe	ALP	Retiring	O	X	X	X	X	X
Gosford	ANDREWS, Marie	ALP	Retiring	O	X	O	X	O	O
Goulburn	GOWARD, Pru	Lib		X	X	X	X	X	
Granville	BORGER, David	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Hawkesbury	WILLIAMS, Ray	Lib		O	O	O	O	O	
Heathcote	McLEAY, Paul	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Heffron	KENEALLY, Kristina	ALP	Premier	X		X	X	O	O
Hornsby	HOPWOOD, Judy	Lib	Retiring	X		X		X	X
Keira	CAMPBELL, David	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X	X	
Kiama	BROWN, Matt	ALP			X	X	X	X	X
Kogarah	BURTON, Cherie	ALP		O		X		X	X
Ku-ring-gai	O'FARRELL, Barry	LIB	Opposition	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Macquarie	PIPER, Greg	Ind		X	X	X	X	X	
Lakemba	FUROLO, Robert	ALP		X	X	X			
Lane Cove	ROBERTS, Anthony	Lib		O		O	O	O	O
Lismore	GEORGE, Thomas	Nats		O	O	O	O	O	O

Liverpool	LYNCH, Paul	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Londonderry	SHEARAN, Allan	ALP		O	X	O	X	X	X
Macquarie Fields	McDONALD, Dr Andrew	ALP		X		X	X	X	
Maitland	TERENZINI, Frank	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Manly	BAIRD, Mike	Lib		O	X	X	X	O	
Maroubra	DALEY, Michael	ALP		X		X	X	O	
Marrickville	TEBBUTT, Carmel	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Menai	MEGARRITY, Alison	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X		X
Miranda	COLLIER, Barry	ALP	Retiring	O	X	X	X	X	X
Monaro	WHAN, Steve	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	X
Mount Druitt	AMERY, Richard	ALP		O	X	O	X	X	X
Mulgoa	BEAMER, Diane	ALP	Retiring	X	X		X	X	X
Murray-Darling	WILLIAMS, John	Nats		O				X	
Murrumbidgee	PICCOLI, Adrian	Nats		X			X	X	X
Myall Lakes	TURNER, John	Nats	Retiring	O				X	X
Newcastle	MCKAY, Jodi	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
North Shore	SKINNER, Jillian	Lib		X	X		X	X	X
Northern Tablelands	TORBAY, Richard	Ind	Speaker						O
Oatley	GREENE, Kevin	ALP			X	X	X	O	X
Orange	TURNER, Russell	Nats	Retiring	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oxley	STONER, Andrew	Nats		O	O		X	O	O
Parramatta	GADIEL, Tanya	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X		X	X
Penrith (*)	AYRES, Stuart	Lib		X		X			
Pittwater	STOKES, Robert	Lib		O	X	X		X	
Port Macquarie	BESSELING, Peter	Ind		X	X	X			
Port Stephens	BAUMANN, Craig	Lib		O	X	O		X	
Riverstone	AQUILINA, John	ALP	Retiring		X	O	X	O	
Rockdale	SARTOR, Frank	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X		X	X
Ryde (*)	DOMINELLO, Victor	Lib		X	X	O			
Shellharbour	MCMAHON, Lylea	ALP	Retiring	O	X	X	X	X	
Smithfield	KHOSHABA, Ninos	ALP		O	X	O	X	X	
South Coast	HANCOCK, Shelley	Lib		X	X	X	X	X	X
Strathfield	JUDGE, Virginia	ALP		O		O	X	O	O
Swansea	COOMBS, Robert	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Sydney	MOORE, Clover	Ind		X	X	X	X	X	X
Tamworth	DRAPER, Peter	Ind			X	O	O	X	O
Terrigal	HARTCHER, Chris	Lib		O		O	O	O	O
The Entrance	MCBRIDE, Grant	ALP	Retiring	O	X	O	X	O	O
Toongabbie	REES, Nathan	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Tweed	PROVEST, Geoff	Nats		O		X		X	
Upper Hunter	SOURIS, George	Nats		O				X	X
Vaucluse	DEBNAM, Peter	Lib	Retiring	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wagga Wagga	MAGUIRE, Daryl	Lib		X	X	O	X	X	O
Wakehurst	HAZZARD, Brad	Lib		X	X	X	X	X	X
Wallsend	HORNERY, Sonia	ALP		X	X	X	X	X	
Willoughby	BEREJKLIAN, Gladys	Lib		X	X	X	X	X	X
Wollondilly	COSTA, Phil	ALP		O	X	X	X	X	
Wollongong	HAY, Noreen	ALP		O	X	X	X	O	O
Wyong	HARRIS, David	ALP		O	X	O	X	X	

Candidates to watch

The Good* & The Bad in the mix at this election



Dominic Perrottet – Liberal candidate for the safe seat of Castle Hill.

Mr Perrottet will be elected. A married father from a Catholic family, he can be expected to vote the right way on social issues. He is replacing Michael Richardson who has an imperfect voting record. Mr Perrottet has long been active within the socially conservative sub-faction of the NSW Liberal Party.

Carmel Tebbutt – Labor incumbent for seat of Marrickville. Health Minister.

Ms Tebbutt is a member of Emily's List and has voted in favour of cloning, homosexual adoption and surrogacy. Her seat has a margin of 7.5 % to the Greens. Likely to retain the seat. Could be a future ALP leader. Married to anti-life Federal MP and 'PGPDer' Anthony Albanese. Attended Catholic schools.



Greg Smith – Liberal incumbent for the safe seat of Epping.

Mr Smith will likely be made Attorney-General if the Liberals win government. Was a leader in NSW Right to Life for many years. Has voted against all of the anti-life legislation put forward during the last term. Quoted St Thomas More in his maiden speech and is a well-known lay member of the Sydney Archdiocese.

Verity Firth – Labor incumbent for the seat of Balmain. Education Minister.

Ms Firth is also an active member of Emily's List and senior Cabinet Minister. She has voted for every piece of anti-life legislation since entering Parliament in 2007. Her seat is also marginal to the Greens, so Balmain will have an anti-lifer either way. Husband arrested in January for possession of the drug ecstasy.



Thomas George – Nationals incumbent for the safe seat of Lismore.

Mr George is an Australian born of Lebanese parents. One of the few on-going members who has voted against all six pieces of anti-life legislation referred to in this guide. Will retain his seat and is a reliable pro-life vote. It is disappointing that other Nationals have not always done the same.

Gladys Berejiklian – Liberal incumbent for the seat of Willoughby.

Ms Berejiklian is proof that a Liberal whitewash won't be all good news for pro-lifers. Berejiklian is a member of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development and has voted for all six anti-life bills. A former leader of the Young Liberals in NSW, she has been touted as a future leader. Let's hope not...



Ray Williams – Liberal incumbent for the safe seat of Hawkesbury

Mr Williams is one of the only MPs who voted the right way at every opportunity. He comes from a horse-training family. Although he has supported the socially liberal faction in recent internal party wrestling, Mr Williams has a voting record as strong as any of the well-known conservatives in the party.

Clover Moore – Independent incumbent for the seat of Sydney.

Ms Moore actively supported every piece of anti-life legislation. She introduced the homosexual adoption bill. As Lord Mayor of Sydney she flew the 'gay flag' on the roof of Town Hall. A reliable anti-life vote in the parliament and social progressivist who marches at Mardi Gras. Studied at the Loreto Convent in Kirribilli.

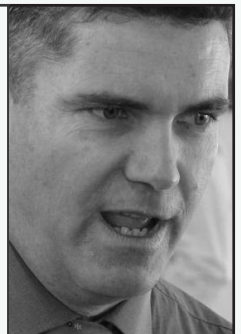


Emily Dunn (left) – Mulgoa Simon McCaffery – Macquarie Fields Boutros Zalloua – East Hills Democratic Labor Party candidates

The pro-life DLP are running three candidates in marginal lower house seats in western Sydney. In these seats the sitting ALP members have collectively voted anti-life 15 times and pro-life zero times. In short, go DLP!

Steven Whan – Labor incumbent for the seat of Monaro. Cabinet Minister.

Mr Whan is the only ALP candidate with a margin under 10% who is considered a good chance of retaining his seat. He has voted for every piece of anti-life legislation considered in this guide. His opponent is Nationals candidate and local councillor John Barilaro.



* **Good in this chart is a relative term.** Family Life International maintains that the only truly good candidates are those who respect the natural law and always defend the common good. The persons identified above as 'good' candidates are relatively better than the truly anti-life politicians. That does not mean every public statement they have made or will make is acceptable. They all need our prayers.