



FEDERAL ELECTION 2016

Essential Pro-Life

VOTING GUIDE

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

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The upcoming Federal election is critical for the future of Australia. The way you personally vote will determine, not only who governs our Country for the next 3 years, but what Australia will look like at the end of that term. The Australian Labor Party has effectively ruled itself out as a legitimate option for Christians and anyone of Goodwill. They have vowed to ignore the overwhelming number of Australians who believe we all should have a say in regard to so called "Marriage Equality" via a plebiscite and put it to a parliamentary vote where (thanks to Malcolm Turnbull) the liberals will be given a free vote and this will guarantee a vote in favour of redefining marriage to incorporate same sex couples. In addition they support abortion in the ALP platform and their members around the country both State and Federal support "safe access zones" around abortion mills and the disgusting sex education program from the deceptively named "Safe Schools Coalition." The deal done between the Liberals and Greens to change the voting system in the Senate may eliminate independents and micro parties but we are likely to get something worse, including more Greens Party senators.

To this end we have put together the FLI Voters' Guide to help you decide who to vote for and how to order your votes. We would be happy to discuss this with any of our supporters who need further help in making this critical decision.

There are 2 essentially Christian parties who have not been named on our voters' guides. Australian Christians and Rise Up Australia. It isn't that we don't recognise them or have some reason not to offer them support. Unfortunately a comprehensive guide on all current parliamentary members in both houses, along with some explanation of the new voting rules in the senate and commentary on minor parties who base policy

on Christian principles means we couldn't fit any more in! Our apologies go to the good candidates in those parties for not mentioning them and our best wishes for the upcoming election to them.

A comment on the Australian Liberty Alliance (ALA) and why they don't feature in our guide. This new party has features of its platform that are completely at odds with core Christian values and they cannot be supported as a party. There are some candidates who we would endorse very highly, such as Bernard Gaynor in Queensland. There are others we may have some misgivings about. To that end we decided it was going to be too difficult and take up too much space in an already jam packed guide to include a comprehensive outline of this party and we decided to leave them out. Some of the more worrying aspects

of their platform include:- "We understand and respect that some Australians prefer to live in same-sex partnerships. We will combat negative stereotyping and mitigate financial disadvantages where they may still exist for homosexual couples." " However, if called upon to take an in-principle position we find an abortion should not be performed after the first trimester unless there are exceptional circumstances." "While we find an adult has every right to terminate his own life, we hold that another person's immediate involvement in the act of ending a human life is legally not justifiable."

It is extremely important for Catholics to know who and what they are voting for as it will have a profound effect on the future of Australia. The Voters' Guide only shows sitting members and bills that they have voted on, it would be too difficult to outline other candidates as well as new candidates and how they have said they will vote.



Story from the Street

Recently at the abortion mill on Devonshire St, Surry Hills a mother arrived with her friend for an abortion. It was a typical day at the mill, one of our counsellors was there providing counsel to women going in. The prayers' were there praying in reparation for the sins of abortion as well as the conversion of the hearts of the Mothers and Fathers going in. The counsellor noticed a lady and her friend walking towards to clinic. He approached them and they stopped and listened to him. As usual the counsellor told them that this place is not the answer that it will not help you and it will most certainly not help the unborn child.

After speaking with them for a little bit they moved away and walked down the street just to think about things for awhile. It was while talking that the counsellor found out that she was an Iranian refugee and that her friend was from Somalia. The mother though was extremely worried about what her boyfriend would think as he wanted her to have the abortion. This is the case for a lot of these poor women that are in these situations.

After much consideration she decided against having an abortion and to keep the baby. Her friend was a great influence on this decision after going with an abortion in her life previously she knew exactly why it was the wrong choice. We organised for her to meet with an obstetrician who has worked with women that we have sent to him before and an immigration lawyer who can help with her immigration issues that she is having.

Appeal Update

Just over a couple weeks ago we sent an appeal for your generous support. The response to this appeal has been most heartening and helpful. We are very grateful for the promised spiritual support and the generous financial support. During this time of change in the political sphere, there is so much need for prayer and a concerted effort. We need to pray for the leaders and law makers of our country, for guidance and wisdom.

As we continue in our mission of spreading education on The Culture of Life, we also aim to help inform voters as we have an important role to play, as we vote. Your vote counts and while sometimes it's hard to see how one little vote can do any difference, it can! If we work together in our attempt to promote good and promote life, we can make a difference.

Our intended goal is to reach \$90,000 so far we have had generously donated just over \$45,000. This has been very graciously received and we thank you all for your support. FLI needs your continued support for the many works that we engage in. Mothers like from the story from the street need our support and help. Without FLI where would these poor mothers be, where would the unborn child be. Most likely in a waste disposal bin waiting to be disposed off. Your support makes a difference, you are forever a part of their lives, you have a share in the life of that Child and Mother, how great a gift is that? Thankyou again for your support and prayers. To win this battle we need to fight together, God has won the battle, we need to play our part.

Vigils

Join us in person, or by prayer as the Helpers of God's Precious Infants step up to the front lines in the battle for Life.

Sydney:

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am, Friday 8:00am - 10:00am, Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am.
120 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

Albury:

Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm.
586 Englehardt St, Albury.
More at Melbourne, Townsville, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Full details are at fli.org.au.

Conference Dvds

The Life & Family National Conference DVD are available to purchase. Do not miss out on this incredible wealth of knowledge and resource with all matters regarding life and family. International speakers such Dr Vice Batarelo, Mr Steve Mosher and Dr Angela Lanfranchi as well some well qualified local speakers and 2 holy bishops, Archbishop Julian Porteous and Bishop Cesare Bonivento from PNG, this conference pack would make a great investment for any pro-life home. They will be made available for \$100 each. Call us now for any enquires. 02 9519 9111

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