



FEDERAL ELECTION 2016

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FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

Post Election 2016

The election came and went without a result. At time of writing, counting is still underway. As of now, it looks as though the Coalition has the numbers to maintain government, with a 73-66 lead over the labor party, with 76 the required number to maintain a majority government. Otherwise there will be a minority government with a hung parliament. This will require negotiation with minor parties to form a government. This election has taught the coalition a great deal. There is still the possibility of a hung parliament meaning Malcom Turnbull will have to wheel and deal with the minor parties and independents. As we all know Turnbull called a double dissolution election in the hopes of clearing the senate of independents and minor parties. He did not take into account the disenchantment people have towards mainstream politics and parties.

The senate will now be inundated with senators from minor parties which is exactly what Turnbull was trying to avoid. In some good news for Christians as a whole, the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is still a possibility of gaining a spot in the Upper House. This will be important in regards to decisions and laws being passed through the senate over the next 3 years. What does this mean with regards to bills and legislation being passed? Well for one, it will make it a lot more difficult for the Coalition government to get any bills they want to push through. This is exactly what Turnbull was hoping he would avoid, but alas he has failed in this regard. Good luck to anyone that has to try and unite Nick Xenophon, Pauline Hanson, the Greens, the CDP and the Derryn Hinch Party. Turnbull truly has an extremely difficult challenge on his hands. This will prove to be critical too in the upcoming debate about so called 'same-sex marriage', as there is now the great unknown of what will happen in parliament with regards to laws and legislation.



According to the ABC website on the election the Coalition has 35.4% of the senate votes in the nation, while Labor has 30.3%. Whereas in the House of Representatives the Coalition has 42.1% and Labor have 35.2%. The minor parties are the big winners in this year's election. If we look at the Christian parties numbers: the CDP has 1.2% in the senate and 1.4% in the House of Rep. Family

First has so far gained 1.3% in the senate and 1.5% and the DLP didn't even gain enough votes to register a percentage in both houses. This is where as Christians we fail in the political sphere. If these major christian parties collaborated together the number of votes they received would have had more of a significant meaning to them. They would have close to 4% of the vote in the senate. Which is equal to that of Pauline Hanson's party One Nation who are

line to receive 3 senate seats. This would have made a difference in how the debate to same-sex marriage would be fought. We need to be unified in this fight for our freedom, otherwise we will ultimately fail.

The people in all Western countries are leading a revolt against the tyranny of stultifying political correctness. This is evident with Brexit, the rise of Donald Trump, and here in Australia by the rise of minor parties, including Pauline Hanson. The establishment is facing difficult times, as the everyday man is standing up and making themselves heard.

This is why Catholics need to be heard across Australia, as there is no greater need for the collective voice to be heard. The voice of Christ spoken out in the public sphere. If the Coalition maintain government which is the looking more and more likely everyday, then a plebiscite will be held on whether same-sex marriage will be passed as law in Australia.

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 the clinic. He approached them and they stopped and listened to him. As usual, the counsellor told them that this place is not the answer and 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 having an abortion 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? Thank you 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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