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Essential Pro-Life

VOTING GUIDE



FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

In this election the minority Labor government of Katy Gallagher is seeking a 4th term in office for Labor – at a time when the party has been suffering defeats and bad opinion polls across the nation. The ACT (along with QLD and the NT) has a single (unicameral) house with 17 seats. At the 2008 election, Labor won 7 seats, the Liberals won 6 and the Greens won 4 seats and gained the balance of power – supporting Labor to form government. The Labor-Greens alliance has declared its goal of full marriage rights for homosexuals after passing a Civil Unions Bill in August 2012. Labor MP and Attorney General, Simon Corbell stated that he now wants to push on towards full marriage rights.

Family Life International has identified a number of other anti-life pieces of legislation that have passed through the ACT Parliament during the terms of some of the current sitting members – the Cloning and Embryo Research Amendment 2007, the Homosexual Parentage Bill 2003 and the Abortion Bill 2001. An amendment to the Abortion Bill was put forward in 2005 that would recognise as a crime the harming of an unborn child in the event of an assault upon a pregnant woman. The anti-life Gallagher/Corbell duo still refused to recognise the protection of the unborn in any instance.

There has been consistent opposition to these bills from the Liberal MPs Vicki Dunne and Brendan Smyth. The Opposition leader Zed Seselja also has a few runs on the board. He supported the 2005 abortion amendment, he voted the right way on the 2007 cloning bill, and he supported traditional marriage earlier this year.

FLI always recommends consideration of known pro-life minor parties and/or independents. It should also be noted, the view that the 'reintroduction of criminal sanctions is not the solution to this problem' of abortion, can be prevalent even among MPs with clean voting records – so be sure to make contact with any preferred candidate to gain assurance of the strength of their pro-life convictions. None of the above statements should be taken as direct endorsements.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



KEY

An **X** indicates the Member's presence in the Parliament and their vote in favour of the legislation.
An **O** indicates the Member's presence in the Parliament and their vote in opposition to the legislation.
The **BIOHAZARD** symbol indicates a member of *Emily's List* (see over)

CIVIL UNIONS 2012
CLONING BILL 2007
PARENTAGE BILL 2003
ABORTION BILL 2001

ELECTORATE	NAME	PARTY	NOTE	ELECTED	CIVIL UNIONS 2012	CLONING BILL 2007	PARENTAGE BILL 2003	ABORTION BILL 2001
Molonglo	BARR, Andrew	ALP		2006	X	X	N/A	N/A
Molonglo	CORBELL, Simon	ALP		1997	X	X	X	X
Molonglo	GALLAGHER, Katy	ALP	Chief Minister	2001	X	X	X	X
Molonglo	HANSON, Jeremy	Lib		2008	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Molonglo	LE COUTEUR, Caroline	Gr		2008	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Molonglo	RATTENBURY, Shane	Gr		2008	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Molonglo	SESELJA, Zed	Lib	Opposition Leader	2004	O	O	N/A	N/A
Ginninderra	BOURKE, Chris	ALP		2011	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ginninderra	COE, Alistair	Lib		2008	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ginninderra	DUNNE, Vicki	Lib		2001	O	O	O	O
Ginninderra	HUNTER, Meredith	Gr		2008	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ginninderra	PORTER, Mary	ALP		2004	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brindabella	BRESNAN, Amanda	Gr		2008	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brindabella	BURCH, Joy	ALP		2008	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brindabella	DOSZPOT, Steve	Lib		2008	O	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brindabella	HARGREAVES, John	ALP	Retiring	1998	X	X	X	O
Brindabella	SMYTH, Brendan	Lib		1998	O	O	O	O

IDENTIFYING 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, and grooms radically pro-abortion female candidates – exclusively for the Labor Party. Each newly selected and funded candidate is mentored by a senior member of the *List* and if elected, all members are obliged to support pro-abortion legislation. At Family Life International we have found that Emily's List members vote anti-life, almost without exception, as we have scoured the *Hansard* for the voting records on numerous pieces of legislation at State, Territory and Federal levels.

The current ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher is a senior member of Emily's List, holding her seat since 2001. In the course of the past decade, true to the ideology of the List, she has supported every piece of anti-life legislation put forward to the house. With no house of review in the ACT, these bills become immediate law. With currently 3 out of the 17 MPs being Emily's List, plus the 4 Greens members, it really makes for light work for the anti-lifers.

Keeping it in the family...the new Emily's List candidate Yvette Berry (see below) has a solid anti-life pedigree. She is in fact the daughter of Wayne Berry who sat in the ACT Assembly for the Labor Party from 1989 to 2008. *Dad* (Wayne Berry) not only has a perfect score on his anti-life voting record but he actually introduced the bill in 2001 that removed abortion from the Crimes Act. He introduced another bill on its heels to allow unrestricted access to abortions – it passed by a single vote. Some 'restrictions' on abortion were placed there by the infamous 'Osborne Bill' 1998 - *whilst abortion was still in the criminal code*. Could the Osborne Bill be construed as 'restricting' abortion when in fact abortion rights were being expanded from the *existing state of law*? There was (and continues to be) considerable confusion over the application of the moral law in such an instance. One thing is certain...If any pro-lifers at the time believed the Osborne Bill would be an effective 'finger in the dyke', then the passage of the subsequent Abortion Bill 2001 and the Health Regulation Repeal Bill 2001 proved it futile.

CURRENT EMILY'S LIST MP'S



Katy Gallagher
ALP for Molonglo



Mary Porter
ALP for Ginninderra



Joy Burch
ALP for Brindabella

NEW EMILY'S LIST CANDIDATES



Meegan Fitzharris
ALP for Molonglo



Rebecca Cody
ALP for Brindabella



Angie Drake
ALP for Molonglo



Yvette Berry
ALP for Ginninderra