



QUEENSLAND ELECTION 2012

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. Legislation with grave moral consequences, passed by the Queensland Parliament recently, is included in the voting records of each current sitting member. Pro-lifers were obviously obliged to oppose these legislative attacks against life and family. Of particular concern was the vote on RU486 where only one member voted against the amendment.

- 1. Cloning 2007** – An Act that legalised the cloning of 'surplus' IVF created embryos and shamefully brought Queensland into line with federal and state parliaments.
- 2. RU486 2009** – An Amendment to Section 282 of the Criminal Code that extended the practice of 'lawful surgical abortion' to also include 'medical abortion' (e.g. drugs, poisons). This followed advice from the Australian Medical Association and concerned abortionists that the abortion pill (RU486) was rendered illegal in Queensland because the Criminal Code in conjunction with the common law only protected doctors doing 'surgical abortions'.
- 3. Surrogacy 2010** – An Act to legalise 'altruistic surrogacy' where the intended parent/s were either single, de facto, married or homosexual.
- 4. Civil Unions 2011** – An Act to grant 'marriage like' privileges to homosexual partners who wanted their relationship officially registered and approved by the state.

SINGLE HOUSE PARLIAMENT

There are 89 seats in Queensland's Legislative Assembly (lower house). Queensland has the distinction of being Australia's only 'unicameral' State Parliament (i.e. it does not have an upper house). The Legislative Council was abolished in 1922 when the Government of Ted Theodore had a 'suicide squad' of Councillors appointed to the upper house to vote themselves out of existence. This has meant the party receiving a majority of seats in the lower house has a nearly unrestricted ability to pass legislation in Government because it only has to be approved by the Legislative Assembly.

OPTIONAL PREFERENTIAL VOTING

Since 1992 Queenslanders have been able to choose whether to direct preferences. The three options open to a Queensland voter are to: **(1)** vote for one candidate only **(2)** vote for *some* candidates in descending order of preference **(3)** number all of the boxes in descending order of preference. If a voter exercises options 1 or 2 their vote may be 'exhausted' (i.e. not counted) if their candidate/s are eliminated early. However, in a seat where there is an undesirable candidate and there are two or more 'better candidates', it may be prudent to put numbers next to *all* of the superior candidates to prevent the worst candidate from winning the seat. **IMPORTANT:** If you are leaving any boxes blank at least place a 1 next to your favourite candidate AND a number next to all of the candidates who have a chance of beating the strongest anti-life candidate. By only placing a 1 next to your preferred candidate your vote could be exhausted early and effectively won't count.

THE 'CONSERVATIVE' SIDE OF QUEENSLAND POLITICS

In July 2008 the separate Queensland divisions of the Liberal Party and the National Party (formerly the Country Party) merged to create a single Liberal-National Party (the LNP). Compelling arguments were made at the time both for and against the merger. One consequence of the merger is that Liberals and Nationals no longer formally compete against one another during elections (or more precisely these battles have been brought inside the LNP so that endorsed candidates have a 'free run' against Labor). This attempt to unify, or perhaps gloss over, differences within the non-Labor movement in Queensland was complicated by the registration of Katter's Australian Party (KAP) on 27 September 2011. Led by pro-life Federal MP for Kennedy, Bob Katter, the KAP is running against both Labor and the LNP across the entire State. His party does not appear to have a binding policy on abortion but an early priority of the KAP has been opposition to homosexual 'marriage'. Likewise, the LNP has stated that it will repeal the homosexual partnerships legislation. In seats where the pro-life credentials of both a KAP and an LNP candidate can be ascertained, consideration should be given to at least numbering each of their boxes, according to your preference, rather than allowing the vote to be exhausted, which would really be a win for the vehemently anti-life candidate.



KEY

- X** - Signifies that the member voted anti-life on the particular piece of legislation
- O** - Signifies that the member voted pro-life on the particular piece of legislation
- EMILY'S List
- PGPD (Parliamentary Group for Population & Development)

CIVIL UNIONS 2011
 SURROGACY 2010
 RU486 2009 *
 CLONING 2007

* The RU486 2009 amendment was supported by both the ALP and the Opposition. Only Independent Liz Cunningham spoke against the legislation and because both major parties rushed it through with no audial dissent in their ranks, the Bill was carried on the voices (i.e. no actual vote was recorded in Hansard). An **X** indicates the Member's presence in the Parliament on 3rd September 2009 and their failure to oppose the RU486 Bill.

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ELECTORATE	NAME	PARTY	MARGIN	NOTE					
Albert	KEECH, Margaret	ALP	6.5%		O	O	X	X	
Alger	STRUTHERS, Karen	ALP	9.2%		X	X	X	X	
Ashgrove	JONES, Kate	ALP	7.1%	Newman Contest	X		X	X	
Aspley	DAVIS, Tracy	LNP	4.5%		O	O	X		
Barron River	WETTENHALL, Steve	ALP	2.3%		X	X	X	X	
Beaudesert	MCLINDON, Aidan	KAP	8.3%	Elected as LNP	O	O	X		
Brisbane Central	GRACE, Grace	ALP	6.0%		X	X	X		
Broadwater	CROFT, Peta-Kaye	ALP	2.0%		X	X	X	X	
Buderim	DICKSON, Steve	LNP	14.3%		O	O			X
Bulimba	FARMER, Di	ALP	7.8%		X	X	X		
Bundaberg	DEMPSEY, Jack	LNP	6.0%		O	O	X	O	
Bundamba	MILLER, Jo-Ann	ALP	21.2%		O	X	X	O	
Burdekin	MENKENS, Rosemary	LNP	0.5%		O		X	O	
Burleigh	SMITH, Christine	ALP	4.9%		X	X	X	O	
Burnett	MESSENGER, Rob	Ind	11.1%	Elected as LNP		O	X	O	
Cairns	BOYLE, Desley	ALP	4.2%	Retiring	X		X	X	
Callide	SEENEY, Jeff	LNP	19.4%	Interim Opposition	O	O	X	X	
Caloundra	MCARDLE, Mark	LNP	6.2%		O	O	X	O	
Capalaba	CHOI, Michael	ALP	9.7%		O	O	X	O	
Chatsworth	KILBURN, Steven	ALP	0.1%		X	X	X		
Clayfield	NICHOLLS, Tim	LNP	5.8%		O	O	X	X	
Cleveland	ROBINSON, Mark	LNP	0.3%		O	O	X		
Condamine	HOPPER, Ray	LNP	19.2%		O	O	X	O	
Cook	O'BRIEN, Jason	ALP	2.2%		X	X	X	X	
Coomera	CRANDON, Michael	LNP	1.9%		O	O	X		
Curumbin	STUCKEY, Jann	LNP	6.9%		O	O	X	X	
Dalrymple	KNUTH, Shane	KAP	14.4%	Elected as LNP	O		X	O	
Everton	WATT, Murray	ALP	1.4%		X	X	X		
Ferny Grove	WILSON, Geoff	ALP	4.5%		O	X	X	O	
Gaven	DOUGLAS, Alex	LNP	0.7%		O	O	X		
Gladstone	CUNNINGHAM, Liz	Ind	6.1%		O	O	O	O	
Glass House	POWELL, Andrew	LNP	5.8%		O	O	X		
Greenslopes	DICK, Cameron	ALP	6.9%		X	X	X		
Gregory	JOHNSON, Vaughan	LNP	14.3%		O	O	X	O	
Gympie	GIBSON, David	LNP	27.2%		O	O	X	O	
Hervey Bay	SORENSEN, Ted	LNP	6.5%		O	O	X		
Hinchinbrook	CRIPPS, Andrew	LNP	14.7%		O	O	X	O	
Inala	PALASZCZUK, Annastacia	ALP	21.5%		X	X	X	X	
Indooroopilly	EMERSON, Scott	LNP	5.9%		O	O	X		
Ipswich	NOLAN, Rachel	ALP	16.7%		X	X	X	X	
Ipswich West	WENDT, Wayne	ALP	9.6%		X		X	X	
Kallangur	O'NEILL, Mary-Anne	ALP	4.6%		X	X	X		
Kawana	BLEIJIE, Jarrod	LNP	6.9%		O	O	X		
Keppel	HOOLIHAN, Paul	ALP	7.6%		X	X	X	X	

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Lockyer	RICKUSS, Ian	LNP	7.6%		O	O	X	X	
Logan	MICKEL, John	ALP	13.9%	Retiring Speaker			X	O	
Lytton	LUCAS, Paul	ALP	12.2%	Retiring	X	X	X	O	
Mackay	MULHERIN, Tim	ALP	16.7%		X	X	X		
Mansfield	REEVES, Phil	ALP	4.4%		X	X	X	X	
Maroochydore	SIMPSON, Fiona	LNP	12.8%		O	O		O	
Maryborough	FOLEY, Chris	Ind	16.8%		O	O		O	
Mermaid Beach	STEVENS, Ray	LNP	10.8%		O	O	X	X	
Mirani	MALONE, Ted	LNP	0.6%		O		X	O	
Moggill	FLEGG, Bruce	LNP	10.3%		O	O	X	O	
Morayfield	RYAN, Mark	ALP	9.1%		X	X	X		
Mount Coot-tha	FRASER, Andrew	ALP	5.3%		X	X	X	X	
Mount Isa	KIERNAN, Betty	ALP	5.7%		X	X	X	O	
Mount Ommaney	ATTWOOD, Julie	ALP	4.8%	Retiring	X	X	X	O	
Mudgeeraba	BATES, Ros	LNP	3.9%		O	O	X		
Mulgrave	PITT, Curtis	ALP	8.1%		X	X	X	O	
Mundingburra	NELSON-CARR, Lindy	ALP	6.6%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Murrumba	WELLS, Dean	ALP	7.2%		X	X	X	X	
Nanango	PRATT, Dolly	Ind	2.9%	Retiring	O	O	X	O	
Nicklin	WELLINGTON, Peter	Ind	16.3%		X	O		O	
Noosa	ELMES, Glen	LNP	20.0%		O	O	X	O	
Nudgee	ROBERTS, Neil	ALP	14.3%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Pine Rivers	MALE, Carolyn	ALP	4.6%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Pumicestone	SULLIVAN, Carryn	ALP	5.0%		X	X	X	X	
Redcliffe	VAN LITSENBURG, Lillian	ALP	5.6%		X	X	X	O	
Redlands	DOWLING, Peter	LNP	0.1%		O	O	X		
Rockhampton	SCHWARTEN, Robert	ALP	17.9%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Sandgate	DARLING, Vicky	ALP	12.4%		X	X	X	X	
South Brisbane	BLIGH, Anna	ALP	15.0%	Premier	X	X	X	X	
Southern Downs	SPRINGBORG, Lawrence	LNP	21.1%		O	O	X	O	
Southport	LAWLOR, Peter	ALP	3.5%		X	X	X	X	
Springwood	STONE, Barbara	ALP	4.1%		X	X	X	X	
Stafford	HINCHLIFFE, Stirling	ALP	7.3%		X	X	X	X	
Stretton	ROBERTSON, Stephen	ALP	9.5%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Sunnybank	SPENCE, Judy	ALP	10.8%	Retiring	X	X	X	X	
Surfers Paradise	LANGBROEK, John-Paul	LNP	16.5%		O	O	X	X	
Thuringowa	WALLACE, Craig	ALP	8.5%		X	X	X		
Toowoomba North	SHINE, Kerry	ALP	3.2%		X	X	X	O	
Toowoomba South	HORAN, Mike	LNP	8.2%	Retiring	O	O		O	
Townsville	JOHNSTONE, Mandy	ALP	4.0%		X	X	X		
Warrego	HOBBS, Howard	LNP	24.3%		O		X	X	
Waterford	MOORHEAD, Evan	ALP	16.5%		X	X	X	X	
Whitsunday	JARRATT, Jan	ALP	3.2%		X	X	X	X	
Woodridge	SCOTT, Desley	ALP	25.4%		X	X	X	X	
Yeerongpilly	FINN, Simon	ALP	8.7%		X	X	X	X	

IDENTIFYING ANTI-LIFE MEMBERS



Anna Bligh (Premier) – ALP for South Brisbane, held by 15.0%

Leader of a Government that has sponsored cloning, RU486, homosexual unions and surrogacy Bills. She is an active member of the pro-abortion *Emily's List*. In supporting 'civil partnerships' for homosexuals Ms Bligh used her speech to decry the 'religious right' and, invoking Justice Michael Kirby, referred to opponents of the bill and the homosexual agenda in general as 'evil'. She also made the well-worn argument during the cloning debate that although pro-abortion, pro-IVF and pro-cloning, she is also 'pro-life'. She stated: *"I, like others, reject the notion that a respect for the sanctity of life and a respect for the dignity of human life resides only on one side of this argument. Regardless of how members exercise their conscience, I do not believe we can consider this [cloning human embryos] bill without a respect for human life... I support the bill."*



Jan Jarratt – ALP for Whitsunday, held by 3.2%

A member of *Emily's List* sitting in a very marginal seat and a member of Anna Bligh's front bench. Enthusiastically supporting the surrogacy Bill, Jarratt said: *"Some Queenslanders would be happy to dictate a narrow definition of a family... but the reality is that single-parent and same-sex families already exist in our communities and there is no evidence that I am aware of that the children in these families are less likely to be loved than if they were in a traditional heterosexual family."*



Karen Struthers – ALP for Algester, held by 9.2%

A member of *Emily's List* who admitted during the cloning debate: *"[There are some who believe] lives have sanctity, regardless of the quality, condition or circumstances of that life and regardless of the biological stages of that life... I am not shy in admitting that I am more in the 'quality of life' camp. [My] view is that life is contingent on circumstances such as the imminence of death, the constancy and severity of pain, the ability to think clearly and rationally, to enjoy life, to have dignity, to make rational choices and the level of dependency on others."*



Kate Jones – ALP for Ashgrove, held by 7.1%

A member of the *Parliamentary Group on Population and Development*, she is in the peculiar position of running against the Leader of the Opposition (Campbell Newman) who is not yet an MP. Jones was strongly critical of Newman's decision to lead the LNP as a bloc in opposition to homosexual partnerships. This is a high profile contest because all eyes will be watching Newman's bid to run for Premier from outside Parliament. Jones has been a feminist anti-life vote in the parliament to date.



Peter Lawlor – ALP for Southport, held by 3.5%

Has a consistent anti-life voting record and uses dissenting Catholics to justify it. He stated: *"The IVF program caused quite a controversy when it first occurred. I gave an example in this place which is just another example of how even people in the Catholic Church can disagree. A couple of friends of mine went through the IVF program and their most enthusiastic supporters were two Catholic nuns... It is the [Catholic Church] in particular, of all organisations, that should not be quoted. It has an absolutely appalling record when it comes to issues of scientific discovery."*



Phil Reeves – ALP for Mansfield, held by 4.4%

Has a consistent anti-life voting record, motivated in part by a disregard for early human life. He stated: *"An embryo does not exist until the process is complete at around day 14 or 15 – [when it] is credible and viable, that this is the point at which it can be determined that an embryo may go on to become a viable organism... Is an embryo fewer than 14 days old more important than a present or future human life? I cannot possibly say yes to this question."*



Mark Ryan – ALP for Morayfield, held by 9.1%

A solicitor, educated at St Joseph's College, Nudgee. Supported the homosexual partnership Bill and made a disgraceful speech, including the following: *"As a practising Catholic, I have given great thought and consideration to the provisions of this bill. I have prayerfully and conscientiously reflected on this matter and my conscience... This bill contributes to making Queensland a fairer place to live for all Queenslanders irrespective of their sexual orientation."*

NEW EMILY'S LIST CANDIDATES!

Angela Zyla
ALP for Burdekin
held by LNP 0.5%



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. These are marginal seats!



Jo Briskey
ALP for Cleveland
held by LNP 0.3%

