



FEDERAL ELECTION 2013

Essential Pro-Life

VOTING GUIDE

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA



THE UPPER HOUSE (SENATE)

The Senate has 76 seats: 12 for each State and 2 for each Territory. Only 40 of the sitting Senators stand for re-election in a given election: 6 from each State plus the 2 from each Territory. Once elected they receive two full terms (six years). Your vote is vitally important in the Senate because you will send either a committed pro-lifer or an anti-lifer to Canberra for six years! The next question is: How do I cast a pro-life vote in the Senate?

ABOVE THE LINE VOTING: Over 90% of voters cast a ballot for a party by placing a number 1 'above the line'. This means your vote will be counted in the order that particular party has determined in their pre-election wheeling and dealing. If you choose to vote *above* the line, it is safe put a number 1 next to one of the pro-life parties listed below. Voting above the line means you are voting for a *party* rather than an individual *candidate*.

BELOW THE LINE VOTING: This involves putting a number in every box - from your preferred candidate all the way down to your least preferred candidate. This is a more targeted way of voting but it is time consuming and *must* be done diligently. If you make one error then the vote probably won't be counted (an informal vote). As a general rule the pro-life parties are also conscientious in their preferences but many unusual deals are struck behind the closed doors of the party room. If you want to be *absolutely* sure that your least preferred party (the Greens for example) do NOT gain any more seats in the Senate, then you will have to take the extra time and number every box 'below the line' - putting those you oppose LAST.

CHOOSE A PRO-LIFE PARTY AS #1 IN THE SENATE



DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY (D.L.P.)

A fundamentally pro-life party. Its constitution has embedded pro-life values. Anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia and anti-unethical stem cell research. Senator John Madigan gained a seat for the DLP in the 2010 election. Candidate Mark Farrell is touted to be a chance for another Senate seat for the DLP in Victoria this election. Definitely a very good option for any pro-life voter. Running Senate candidates in NSW, VIC, QLD and TAS along with 30 House of Reps candidates in 4 states.

It would be remiss not to highlight the lead Senate candidate for the DLP in NSW, Dr Simon McCaffery, who is an outstanding pro-life obstetrician and also President of Right to Life NSW. Not only is Family Life International able to endorse the policies of the DLP as 100% pro-life, but we are able to confidently endorse an individual candidate like Dr McCaffery as 100% pro-life - which we are usually reticent to do without a proven track record in the Parliament. Contact: Paul Funnell 0459 988402



AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIANS PARTY

In 2011 the Victorian and Western Australian branches of the Christian Democratic Party (founded by the Rev. Fred Nile) joined to become the Australian Christians Party. Fred Nile's NSW branch is still running a Senate candidate with the original CDP party, but now the new Australian Christians Party is fielding Senate candidates in 5 states and 29 House of Reps candidates in 3 states - primarily in VIC and WA.



FAMILY FIRST PARTY

Founded by AOG minister Dr. Andrew Evans in South Australia in 2002. Family First is a conservative party founded on 'Judeo-Christian' principles. Family First gained a Federal Senate with Steve Fielding in 2004 but he failed to retain his seat in the 2010 election. Fielding consistently voted pro-life. Family First is running Senate candidates in all 6 states and House of Reps candidates in all 11 electorates in SA.

MERIT IN THE QLD LNP

It is noteworthy that the 'father' of the Senate Ron Boswell LNP is retiring after 30 years in office with a solid pro-life voting record intact. As Sen. Boswell departs, his one-time protégé, David Goodwin, is running 4th on the LNP Senate ticket for QLD. He is well known to Family Life International as a committed Catholic and pro-lifer with extensive experience in the field of commerce. With a significant chance that the LNP will gain that 4th Senate seat, voting 1 above the line for the LNP (if you live in QLD) would amount to a vote for Goodwin. If you wish to still vote for one of the aforementioned minor pro-life parties, then we recommend voting below the line placing Goodwin immediately after your preferred minor party candidate.



THE SENATE

KEY

1. Euthanasia Bill (1996)
2. Embryo Bill (2002)
3. RU486 Bill (2005)
4. Cloning Bill (2006)
5. Same Sex Bill (2013)



Emily's List



PGPD

NSW	CAMERON, Doug	ALP	5
NSW	CARR, Bob	ALP	5
NSW	PAYNE, Marise	Lib	2 3 4
NSW	SINODINOS, Arthur	Lib	
NSW	STEPHENS, Ursula	ALP	
NSW	WILLIAMS, John	Nat	
Vic	COLLINS, Jacinta	ALP	
Vic	FEENEY, David	ALP	
Vic	FIFIELD, Mitch	Lib	3
Vic	KROGER, Helen	Lib	
Vic	MARSHALL, Gavin	ALP	2 3 4 5
Vic	RYAN, Scott	Lib	
Qld	BOSWELL, Ron	LNP	
Qld	BOYCE, Sue	LNP	5
Qld	FURNER, Mark	ALP	
Qld	HOGG, John	ALP	
Qld	MACDONALD, Ian	LNP	1 2 3
Qld	MOORE, Claire	ALP	2 3 4 5
ACT	HUMPHRIES, Gary	Lib	
ACT	LUNDY, Kate	ALP	1 2 3 4 5

WA	BISHOP, Mark	ALP	
WA	CASH, Michaelia	Lib	
WA	EGGLESTON, Alan	Lib	
WA	JOHNSTON, David	Lib	2 3 4
WA	LUDLAM, Scott	Gr	5
WA	PRATT, Louise	ALP	5
SA	BERNARDI, Cory	Lib	
SA	BIRMINGHAM, Simon	Lib	
SA	FARRELL, Don	ALP	
SA	HANSON-YOUNG, Sarah	Gr	5
SA	WONG, Penny	ALP	2 3 4 5
SA	XENOPHON, Nick	Ind	5
Tas	BILYK, Catryna	ALP	
Tas	BROWN, Carol	ALP	3 4 5
Tas	BUSHBY, David	Lib	
Tas	COLBECK, Richard	Lib	2 3 4
Tas	THORP, Lin	ALP	5
Tas	WHISH-WILSON, Peter	Gr	5
NT	CROSSIN, Trish	ALP	2 3 4 5
NT	SCULLION, Nigel	CLP	2 3

NEW EMILY'S LIST CANDIDATE

NT	PERIS, Nova	ALP	
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N.B. All voting data sourced from Hansard records.

SAME-SEX 'MARRIAGE'

To date, fifteen countries around the world have legalized same-sex 'marriage' (SSM) and altered the legal definition and meaning of marriage. Five of those countries actually did so this year. Other countries have legislation in various stages before their parliaments. The countries thus far are the Netherlands (2001), Belgium (2003), Spain (2005), Canada (2005), South Africa (2006), Norway (2009), Sweden (2009), Portugal (2010), Iceland (2010), Argentina (2010), Denmark (2012), Brazil (2013), France (2013), Uruguay (2013), New Zealand (2013) & UK (2013).

Despite the 2012 bill to alter marriage being defeated in the Australian Federal Parliament, SSM lobbyists continue to drive ahead with their campaign to have Australia join this ever growing list of countries. Only as recently as June this year, Senator Hanson-Young (Greens) introduced a bill in the Senate that would give recognition to foreign same sex marriages. It was another strategy to push the agenda along as Liberal Senator Sue Boyce who actually crossed the floor to vote in favour of the bill revealed:

"I am not normally in favour of backdoor ways of doing things, which is what this bill is... it is a backdoor way to try to increase the pressure for same-sex marriage in Australia."

The pressure and the strategies will be on-going, however we in equal measure need to assert the truth with charity. We also need to become more aware of what positions our local MPs and State Senators have on such critical issues, that will affect us all for generations to come. Casting your vote has never been so important. The Greens, with nine senators and their anti-life ideology, have snatched the federal Senate from the hands of the Australian people – but they achieved this with votes. It is *this* hour and *this* election, that all who proclaim to be Christian need to cast a vote that is in accordance with their Christian Faith - above all other allegiances and before all other considerations. Use this guide as a essential aid to achieve this. Share it so that others may do the same, and together we can infuse Christian principles back into the governance of our society. There are enough Christians in every state to take back the Senate. Without a strong Christian voice in Parliament, it is almost inevitable that even more anti-life bills will become the law of the land. All that stands between this is your vote - make it count.