



VICTORIAN ELECTION 2010

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. This last term of Parliament has probably been the most anti-life in the history of Victoria. Four Acts of Parliament were passed which fundamentally breached the natural law and a majority of the Parliamentarians supported at least one, if not all, of these repugnant Acts. In this part of the guide (see middle) there is a table for the Lower House members who voted for or against these destructive pieces of legislation.

- 1. The Abortion Law Reform Bill 2008** was designed to legalise abortion up to the moment of birth for any reason and to coerce pro-life doctors and nurses into co-operating in abortions. The Church publicly opposed this Bill.
- 2. The Relationships Bill 2007** was designed to give homosexual couples a chance to register their relationships (for the purpose of treating them more like married couples). The Church publicly opposed this Bill.
- 3. The Assisted Reproductive Treatment Bill 2008** was designed to replace the old *Infertility Treatment Act* and granted wide access for married and unmarried couples to IVF procedures. The Church opposes IVF.
- 4. The Research Involving Human Embryos Bill 2008** was designed to legalise new forms of 'embryo research' which necessarily involves the killing of innocent humans through their deliberate manipulation and destruction. The Church publicly opposed this Bill.

THE LOWER HOUSE (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY)

There are 88 seats in Victoria's Legislative Assembly. Every voter has a 'local member' who represents their particular area. For **John Brumby's Labor** to win the election they need to control 45 seats in the Assembly. They currently hold 55 seats. **Ted Baillieu's Coalition** (Liberal / National) holds 32 seats and will need to win an extra 13 seats to form Government. There is one Independent.

A major difficulty faced by voters who are pro-life at this election, is that both Premier John Brumby and Opposition Leader Ted Baillieu have extreme anti-life views (see table inside for voting records). Brumby may have pushed through the worst abortion Bill in Australian history, but he had a willing accomplice all the way with Ted Baillieu. This means that whichever party wins the election Victoria will, lamentably, continue to have a pro-abortion leader.

It is therefore doubly important that we support *local members* who are pro-life. Statistically, there have been more pro-life members of the Coalition in the Victorian parliament. While we can never fully endorse a party that has Ted Baillieu as its leader, it is a demonstrable fact that a Coalition government will have more senior personnel who have pro-life voting records. There is also a case to be made for 'punishing' Brumby's Labor for sponsoring and passing the *Abortion Law Reform Act* a couple of years ago. Additionally, Labor members of Parliament were told that they had to support a homosexual relationships register which meant not a single ALP parliamentarian voted against the Bill which was a step supported by the homosexual lobby to make way for same sex 'marriages'.

For your Lower House seat you should vote for candidates in the order from 'best candidate' on the 5 non-negotiable issues down to the worst at the bottom (see 5 non-negotiables below). Also, in your Lower House seat minor parties who have a better record on the life issues may be running a candidate (for instance, the Democratic Labor Party or Family First). Although the minor party candidate will not win the Legislative Assembly seat, placing them first before the major parties does indicate an intention to place the pro-lifers first. This strategy is to be commended.

Finally, there are a number of 'key marginal seats' where it is very important that the incumbent (current member) loses. Please see the back of this foldout for those seats and consider getting involved in the campaigns to have these anti-life members defeated in those seats which are most likely to change hands.

THE 5 NON-NEGOTIABLES

1. Abortion **2. Euthanasia** **3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research** **4. Human Cloning** **5. Homosexual 'Marriage'**. We should avoid, to the greatest extent possible, voting for candidates who endorse or promote intrinsically evil policies. As far as possible, we should vote for those who promote policies in line with the moral law.



VICTORIAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



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)

ABORTION BILL
SAME SEX REGISTER
IVF/ART BILL
EMBRYO RESEARCH*

ELECTORATE	NAME	PARTY	NOTE	ABORTION BILL	SAME SEX REGISTER	IVF/ART BILL	EMBRYO RESEARCH*
Albert Park	FOLEY, Martin	ALP		X	X	X	X
Altona	HENNESSY, Jill	ALP	New Member				
Ballarat East	HOWARD, Geoff	ALP		X	X	X	X
Ballarat West	OVERINGTON, Karen	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X
Bass	SMITH, Kenneth	Lib		O	O	O	O
Bayswater	VICTORIA, Heidi	Lib		O	X	O	O
Bellarine	NEVILLE, Lisa	ALP		X	X	X	X
Benalla	SYKES, Bill	Nats			O	O	O
Benambra	TILLEY, Bill	Lib		O	O	O	O
Bendigo East	ALLAN, Jacinta	ALP		X	X	X	X
Bendigo West	CAMERON, Bob	ALP	Retiring	O	X	X	X
Bentleigh	HUDSON, Robert	ALP		X	X	X	X
Box Hill	CLARK, Robert	Lib		O	O	O	O
Brighton	ASHER, Louise	Lib		X	X	O	
Broadmeadows	BRUMBY, John	ALP	Premier	X	X	X	
Brunswick	CARLI, Carlo	ALP	Retiring	X		X	X
Bulleen	KOTSIRAS, Nicholas	Lib		O	O	O	O
Bundoora	BROOKS, Colin	ALP		X	X	X	
Burwood	STENSHOLT, Robert	ALP		X	X	X	X
Carrum	LINDELL, Jennifer	ALP	Speaker	Does not usually vote			
Caulfield	SHARDEY, Helen	Lib	Retiring	X			
Clayton	LIM, Hong	ALP		X	X	X	X
Cranbourne	PERERA, Jude	ALP		X	X	X	X
Dandenong	PANDAZOPOULOS, John	ALP		X			
Derrimut	LANGUILLER, Telmo	ALP			X	X	X
Doncaster	WOOLDRIDGE, Mary	Lib		X	X	O	X
Eltham	HERBERT, Steven	ALP		X	X	X	
Essendon	MADDIGAN, Judith	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X
Evelyn	FYFFE, Christine	Lib		O		O	O
Ferntree Gully	WAKELING, Nicholas	Lib		O	O	O	O
Footscray	THOMSON, Marsha	ALP		X	X	X	X
Forest Hill	MARSHALL, Kirstie	ALP			X	X	X
Frankston	HARKNESS, Alistair	ALP		X	X	X	
Geelong	TREZISE, Ian	ALP		X	X	X	X
Gembrook	LOBATO, Tammy	ALP		O	X	X	O
Gippsland South	RYAN, Peter	Nats		O	O	O	O
Gippsland East	INGRAM, Craig	Ind		X	O	O	X
Hastings	BURGESS, Neale	Lib		O	O	O	O
Hawthorn	BAILLIEU, Ted	Lib	Opposition Leader	X	X	O	X
Ivanhoe	LANGDON, Craig	ALP	Retired	X	X	X	X
Keilor	SEITZ, George	ALP	Retiring	O	X	O	
Kew	MCINTOSH, Andrew	Lib		O	X	O	
Kilsyth	HODGETT, David	Lib		O	O	O	O
Kororoit	KAIROUZ, Marlene	ALP		O		O	O

NB. Politicians who have at least one **X** are not pro-life. However, those politicians who consistently show a **O** may not necessarily be 100% pro-life either and may have voted correctly for varying reasons. Although their record is objectively better than the dedicated anti-lifers, this guide should be treated only as a helpful start. Please contact individual members to clarify their views further.

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Lara	EREN, John	ALP		X	X	X	X
Lowan	DELAHUNTY, Hugh	Nats		O	O	O	O
Lyndhurst	HOLDING, Tim	ALP		X	X	X	X
Macedon	DUNCAN, Joanne	ALP		X	X	X	X
Malvern	O'BRIEN, Michael	Lib		O	O	O	O
Melbourne	PIKE, Bronwyn	ALP		X	X	X	X
Melton	NARDELLA, Don	ALP		X		X	X
Mildura	CRISP, Peter	Nats		O	O	O	O
Mill Park	D'AMBROSIO, Liliana	ALP		X	X	X	X
Mitcham	ROBINSON, Tony	ALP		X	X	X	X
Monbulk	MERLINO, James	ALP		O		O	O
Mordialloc	MUNT, Janice	ALP		X	X	X	X
Mornington	MORRIS, David	Lib		X	X	O	X
Morwell	NORTHE, Russell	Nats		O	O	O	O
Mount Waverley	MORAND, Maxine	ALP		X	X	X	X
Mulgrave	ANDREWS, Daniel	ALP		X	X	X	X
Murray Valley	JASPER, Ken	Nats	Retiring			O	O
Narracan	BLACKWOOD, Gary	Lib		O	O	O	O
Narre Warren South	GRALEY, Judith	ALP				X	X
Narre Warren North	DONNELLAN, Luke	ALP		O		X	X
Nepean	DIXON, Martin	Lib		O	O	O	O
Niddrie	HULLS, Rob	ALP		O	X	X	X
Northcote	RICHARDSON, Fiona	ALP		X	X	X	X
Oakleigh	BARKER, Ann	ALP		X	X	X	
Pascoe Vale	CAMPBELL, Christine	ALP		O	X	O	O
Polwarth	MULDER, Terry	Lib		O	O	O	O
Prahran	LUPTON, Tony	ALP		X	X	X	X
Preston	SCOTT, Robin	ALP		X	X	X	X
Richmond	WYNNE, Richard	ALP		X	X	X	X
Ripon	HELPER, Jochen	ALP		X	X	X	X
Rodney	WELLER, Paul	Nats		O	O	O	O
Sandringham	THOMPSON, Murray	Lib		O	O	O	O
Scoresby	WELLS, Kim	Lib		O	O	O	O
Seymour	HARDMAN, Benedict	ALP		X	X	X	X
Shepparton	POWELL, Elizabeth	Nats		X	O	O	O
South Barwon	CRUTCHFIELD, Michael	ALP		X	X	X	X
South West Coast	NAPHTHINE, Denis	Lib		O	O	O	
Swan Hill	WALSH, Peter	Nats		O	O	O	O
Tarneit	PALLAS, Tim	ALP		X	X	X	X
Thomastown	BATCHELOR, Peter	ALP	Retiring	X	X	X	X
Warrandyte	SMITH, Ryan	Lib		O	O	O	O
Williamstown	NOONAN, Wade	ALP		X	X	X	X
Yan Yean	GREEN, Danielle	ALP		X	X	X	X
Yuroke	BEATTIE, Elizabeth	ALP		X	X	X	X

* The embryo research legislation votes (last column) were compiled from debate on amendments because no votes were recorded on the actual Bill. Those who consistently voted to either mitigate or to exacerbate the Bill's problems have received a circle or a cross respectively.

KEY SEATS TO WATCH

(CANDIDATES WE HOPE LOSE)



Mount Waverley: ALP holds by a margin of 0.3%

Maxine Morand is the local member. She is on EMILY's List and is a member of the PGPD. Maxine introduced the abortion Bill herself. The pro-life movement dubbed her the *Minister for Early Childhood 'Destruction'* rather than 'Development'. Maxine has supported every anti-life Bill that came before the Parliament and is the most senior member of the Government to find herself in a marginal seat. Her opponent, Michael Gidley from the Liberal Party, has better views on the life issues. She must be defeated.



Mitcham: ALP holds by a margin of 2.0%

Tony Robinson is the local member. He has supported every piece of anti-life legislation. Tony was raised a Catholic and went to Catholic schools but has ignored the Church's opposition to his Government's legislation. Worked for Federal MP and population control advocate Kelvin Thompson before becoming an MP and he was also a private secretary to John Brumby. This seat is tipped to go to the Coalition if there is any kind of swing against the Government.



South Barwon: ALP holds by a margin of 2.3%

Michael Crutchfield is the local member. He has a 100% anti-life voting record from the last Parliament. This part-suburban (Geelong) and part-regional seat became Labor's at the 2002 election and is very 'losable'. Crutchfield has been completely closed off to the lobbying efforts of pro-lifers ever since entering the Legislative Assembly.



Mordialloc: ALP holds by a margin of 3.5%

Janice Munt is the local member. She is on EMILY's List and has a 100% anti-life record on the four Bills debated during the last Parliament. Family First received 4% of the primary vote in this electorate back in 2006. Hopefully a strong push by the minor pro-life parties can deny Janice Munt a third term in Parliament where she will always be a reliable anti-life vote. Labor did well in this area at the Federal election so taking this seat from the Emily's Lister will be an uphill battle.



Burwood: ALP holds by a margin of 3.7%

Bob Stensholt is the local member. He has a 100% anti-life voting record. Stensholt is a member of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, which is all the more disconcerting because he was for 10 years the Assistant General Director of AusAID. Bob was brought up Catholic and received a Catholic education, right up until his time at Theological College! Has been an anti-life vote ever since entering Parliament when he won Jeff Kennett's old seat at a 1999 by-election. A scary MP.



Ballarat West: ALP holds by a margin of 6.5%

Sharon Knight is the local ALP candidate. She is seeking to win the seat held by the retiring Karen Overington who had a 100% anti-life voting record. Knight is on Emily's List and has worked for the extreme pro-abortion Federal MP for Ballarat, Catherine King. Commentators suggest that it is possible Labor's chances of retaining the seat were dented by Overington's retirement. If Social Worker Knight was to win then Emily's List would get another one of its pro-abortion fellow travellers into the Parliament.



Bendigo West: ALP holds by a margin of 10.5%

Maree Edwards is the local ALP candidate. She is supported by EMILY's List. Maree, who did a major in 'Women's Studies' at university, is seeking to replace the retiring Bob Cameron who opposed the abortion bill but supported the other anti-life legislation. Maree is a further step backwards from an MP who was bad enough in his own right. The Liberals and Nationals are both running full campaigns for this seat and the retirement of the popular local member makes this seat a possible 'sleeper' on election night.



PGPD

The Parliamentary Group on Population and Development are MPs committed to the goal of population reduction. PGPD members lobby for increased funding of anti-life government programs (contraception, sex education and abortion), especially in third world countries.



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 radically pro-abortion female candidates, exclusively for the Labor Party. If elected, all members of the List are obliged to support pro-abortion legislation.