

VICTORIAN ELECTION 2010 Essential Pro-Life VOTING GUIDE



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THE UPPER HOUSE (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)

This part of the guide is dedicated to Victoria's Upper House (the Legislative Council) which is similar in its role to the Federal Senate in Canberra. There are 40 Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) representing 8 regions. These regions are comprised of 11 Lower House districts each. So each Victorian voter, no matter where they live, has 1 Lower House member and 5 Upper House members.

'Optional preferential voting' is the system used for Upper House ballots. You can either vote 'above the line' by putting a 1 next to your choice, or you can vote below the line by putting 1 to 5 next to your top 5 candidates (you may number all the boxes, but you MUST number at least 5 if voting below the line).

CHOOSE A MORE PRO-LIFE PARTY #1 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Because 5 candidates are selected for each region, candidates standing for smaller parties have a chance to be elected to the Upper House. For example, **Peter Kavanagh** from the Democratic Labor Party was elected by the voters in the Western Victoria region at the last ballot. He has been a prominent voice on the life issues during all of the debates in the Legislative Council.

One main benefit to voting for pro-life parties in the Upper House is to counteract the influence of the anti-life Greens party. The Greens always poll strongly in Victoria and will be seeking to win seats in each of the Upper House regions. Pro-life parties preference the Greens last, so your vote will help to ensure the Greens have less influence in the new Parliament.

The voting record on the other side of this sheet shows that Labor *and* Coalition members of the Legislative Council have supported anti-life legislation. If you vote above the line for a major party you are abiding by their preference deals and even if they do have a pro-life individual on their ticket, if this person was to retire, they could be replaced by a pro-abortion member of that party. It is more prudent and more effective, to give your Upper House vote to a more consistently pro-life party (see below).

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. **Peter Kavanagh** has spoken vigorously in defence of innocent human life during the important debates over the last four years. **John Madigan** was elected to the Senate for Victoria at national

elections, proving the DLP to be a competitive force in modern politics. If DLP members are elected to the Victorian Upper House then they will be reliable advocates on behalf of the unborn. If you woud like to assist the DLP or any of these pro-life parties on election day by handing out *How To Vote Cards* (an important task) please contact them directly. **Ph: (03) 5222 1503 / Email: vicasstsec@dlp.org.au**

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (C.D.P.)

A pro-life party founded by the Rev. Fred Nile. Their strongest presence is in NSW, however they are running a number of candidates in this Victorian election. Fred Nile's party has distinguished itself for commitment to pro-life values; from anti-abortion, to protecting traditional marriage. The CDP have also been tireless in their opposition to the Greens. **Ph: (03) 9528 2509 / Email: cdpvic@genesis.net.au**

FAMILY FIRST PARTY

Founded by AOG minister Dr. Andrew Evans for the 2002 state election in South Australia. Family First has among its membership many active pro-lifers. It will be running candidates in the Upper House too. Family First is a first preference option in the Lower House where they have fielded a candidate and particularly when both major parties have selected unsatisfactory candidates. Family First does not have any members in the Victorian state Parliament at this stage. **Ph: (03) 9800 5393 / Email: info@vic.familyfirst.org.au**







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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

VOTING RECORD

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)



REGION	Name	PARTY	Note	ABO	SAM	FUL	12/EI	EMB
Eastern Victoria	DAVIS, Philip	Lib		X	0	Χ	0	X
Eastern Victoria	HALL, Peter	Nats		X	0	X	0	0
Eastern Victoria	O'DONOHUE, Edward	Lib		0	X	Χ	0	0
Eastern Victoria	SCHEFFER, Johan	ALP		Χ	Χ	Χ	X	X
Eastern Victoria	VINEY, Matthew	ALP		X	X	0	X	X
Eastern Metropolitan	ATKINSON, Bruce	Lib		0	X	0	X	X
Eastern Metropolitan	DALLA-RIVA, Richard	Lib		0	X	0	0	0
Eastern Metropolitan	KRONBERG, Jan	Lib		0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Metropolitan	LEANE, Shaun	ALP		X	X	Χ	Χ	X
Eastern Metropolitan	TEE, Brian	ALP		X	X	0	Χ	X
Northern Victoria	DARVENIZA, Kaye	ALP	₩	X	X		X	X
Northern Victoria	DRUM, Damian	Nats		0	0	0	0	0
Northern Victoria	LOVELL, Wendy	Lib		X	X	0	0	X
Northern Victoria	PETROVICH, Donna	Lib		0	Χ	0	0	X
Northern Victoria	BROAD, Candy	ALP	Ð	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	X
Northern Metropolitan	BARBER, Greg	Green		X	Χ	X	X	X
Northern Metropolitan	ELASMAR, Nazih	ALP		0	X	0	0	0
Northern Metropolitan	GUY, Matthew	Lib		0	Χ	0	0	0
Northern Metropolitan	MIKAKOS, Jenny	ALP	Ð	X	X	0	X	0
Northern Metropolitan	MURPHY, Nathan	ALP	New MLC					
South-East Metropolitan	JENNINGS, Gavin	ALP	,	X	X	Χ	X	X
South-East Metropolitan	PEULICH, Inga	Lib		0	0	0	0	0
South-East Metropolitan	RICH-PHILLIPS, Gordon	Lib		0	0	0	0	X
South-East Metropolitan	SMITH, Robert	ALP		0	Χ	0	Χ	X
South-East Metropolitan	SOMYUREK, Adem	ALP		0	Χ	0	0	0
Southern Metropolitan	COOTE, Andrea	Lib		X	Χ	Χ	0	X
Southern Metropolitan	DAVIS, David	Lib		Χ	Χ	0	0	X
Southern Metropolitan	HUPPERT, Jennifer	ALP	🛞 New MLC					
Southern Metropolitan	LENDERS, John	ALP		0	X	0	Χ	X
Southern Metropolitan	PENNICUIK, Susan	Green		X	X	X	X	X
Western Victoria	KAVANAGH, Peter	DLP		0	0	0	0	0
Western Victoria	KOCH, David	Lib		X	0	X	0	X
Western Victoria	PULFORD, Jaala	ALP	8	X		0	X	X
Western Victoria	TIERNEY, Gayle	ALP	&	X	X	X	X	X
Western Victoria	VOGELS, John	Lib	Retiring	0	0	0	0	0
Western Metropolitan	EIDEH, Khalil	ALP		X	X	0	X	X
Western Metropolitan	FINN, Bernard	Lib		0	0	0	0	0
Western Metropolitan	HARTLAND, Colleen	Green		X	X	X	X	X
Western Metropolitan	MADDEN, Justin	ALP		X	X	0	X	X
Western Metropolitan	PAKULA, Martin	ALP		X	X	0	X	X

* The Euthanasia Bill was only dealt with by the Legislative Council. As it was defeated in the Upper House, the Lower House did not have to consider it.