



# NSW ELECTION 2015

*Essential Pro-Life*

## VOTING GUIDE



FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

### THE UPPER HOUSE (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)

This part of the guide is dedicated to the NSW Upper House (the Legislative Council) which is similar in its role to the Federal Senate in Canberra. There are 42 Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) who are elected for an 8 year term by a system of 'partial preferential voting'. If you go below the line you must number preferences for at least 15 candidates – preferences after this point are optional. If you go above the line you may just place a number 1 next to you preferred group. Adding extra numbers in order of preference is optional.

### LABOR OPPOSITION

Following the resignation of John Robertson as leader of the parliamentary Labor Party, Luke Foley MLC was elected unopposed in January of this year. Foley current holds a seat in the upper house (see reverse) however, for Foley to become Premier he must gain a seat in the lower house – hence he will run in this election as the Labor candidate for the seat of Auburn. Foley is typical of Catholic politicians who find themselves nearing the top. He describes himself as a good practising Catholic and has even opposed same-sex marriage in the past. However, now that he has assumed the leadership of the NSW Labor Party he states:

*"I'm now at a point where I'm willing to give my support to a change to the law, to the Marriage Act, so as to provide for same-sex marriage,"* he told Fairfax Media, admitting that he has *"come somewhat late to the table on this"*.

*"For a lot of people on both sides of the debate it's been a black-and-white issue – they've come to their view very easily,"* he said.

*"For me it's been far more complex. I grew up with a very traditional view of marriage. That it was between a man and a woman. But I also believe in equality. My whole political involvement has been about promoting equality."*

### CHOOSING A PRO-LIFE PARTY AS #1

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 have polled strongly in NSW and will be seeking to add to their 5 seats in the Upper House. 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. In any election, State or Federal, it is more prudent and more effective, to give your Upper House vote to a more consistently pro-life party (see below).



### CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDP)

The CDP constitution has embedded pro-life values. Anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia and anti-unethical stem cell research. **The CDP is also the only registered pro-life political party in this election.** They currently have two sitting members in the upper house – the Hon. Rev Fed Nile and the Hon. Paul Green, MLC. Fred Nile is up for re-election and will be their no. 1 candidate for the upper house.

It is also notable that the CDP is fielding candidates in all **93 lower house electorates.**

If CDP members are elected to the NSW upper house, they will be reliable advocates on behalf of the unborn.

If you would like to assist on election day by handing out *How To Vote Cards* please contact head office: **(02) 9633 3255**



### DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY (DLP)

As a fundamentally pro-life party, many will wonder what is happening with the DLP in NSW. At this point in time, the DLP is only able to field candidates in federal elections and state elections in *Victoria*. This is because each state branch must gain *individual* registration with the electoral commission, which requires a minimum number of members. There was also a cut-off date (March 2014) for registration prior to this election. The NSW branch has yet to meet these requirements. However individual

DLP members may still stand for election, but as independents. Former federal DLP president Paul Funnell is contesting the lower house seat of **Wagga Wagga**, and the current DLP state secretary, Michael Byrne is standing for the seat of **Holsworthy**. If you would like to help register the NSW branch of the DLP for the next election, please contact Michael Byrne: **0414 978694**



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



## 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)

1. Embryo Destruction 2003
2. Human Cloning 2007
3. Surrogacy Bill 2010
4. Same Sex Register 2010
5. Same Sex Adoption 2010
6. Same Sex Marriage Motion 2012
7. Same Sex Marriage Bill 2013
8. Euthanasia Bill 2013

NAME	PARTY	ELECTED	NOTE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PRIMROSE, Peter	ALP	1996		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
FAZIO, Amanda	ALP	2000		X	X				X	X	O
DONNELLY, Greg	ALP	2005			O	O		O	O	O	O
SHARPE, Penny	ALP	2005			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VEITCH, Mick	ALP	2007			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VOLTZ, Lynda	ALP	2007			X	X	X	X	X	X	O
WESTWOOD, Helen	ALP	2007			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MOSELMANE, Shaoquett	ALP	2009					X	O		O	O
COTSIS, Sophie	ALP	2010				X			X	X	O
<b>FOLEY, Luke</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Opposition</b>			X		X	O	O	O
SEARLE, Adam	ALP	2011							X	X	X
SECORD, Walt	ALP	2011							X	X	O
WHAN, Steve	ALP	2011								X	X
WONG, Ernest	ALP	2013								O	
LYNN, Charlie	Lib	1995		O	O			O	O	O	O
GALLACHER, Mike	Lib*	1996		O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O
HARWIN, Don	Lib	1999		X	X	X	X	X			
PEARCE, Greg	Lib	2000		X	X		X	X	X	X	O
CLARKE, David	Lib	2003		O	O		O	O	O	O	O
CUSACK, Catherine	Lib	2003		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
MASON-COX, Matthew	Lib	2006			O	O	O	O	O	O	O
AJAKA, John	Lib	2007			O	X	X	X	X		O
FICARRA, Marie	Lib*	2007			O	O	O	O	O	O	O
MACDONALD, Scot	Lib	2011					X		X	O	O
MACLAREN-JONES, Natasha	Lib	2011							O	O	O
PHELPS, Peter	Lib	2011							O	O	O
GAY, Duncan	Nats	1988		X	X	X	X	O		O	O
GARDINER, Jenny	Nats	1991				X	X	X	O	O	O
COLLESS, Rick	Nats	2000			O	X	X	O	O	O	O
PAVEY, Melinda	Nats	2002		X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O
KHAN, Trevor	Nats	2007			O	X	X	X	X	X	O
BLAIR, Niall	Nats	2011							X	O	O
MITCHELL, Sarah	Nats	2011							X	X	O
KAYE, John	Gr	2007			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SHOEBRIDGE, David	Gr	2010				X			X	X	X
BARHAM, Jan	Gr	2011							X	X	X
BUCKINGHAM, Jeremy	Gr	2011							X	X	X
FARUQI, Mehreen	Gr	2013								X	
NILE, Fred	CDP	1981		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
GREEN, Paul	CDP	2011							O	O	O
BROWN, Robert	SFP	2006			X			O	O	O	O
BORSAK, Robert	SFP	2010							O	O	O

\* Member currently sitting on the cross-bench (classified as independent) due to an ICAC inquiry