

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2014 Essential Pro-Life VOTING GUIDE



FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

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 South Australian Parliament, 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. The legislation we examined is as follows:

## LOWER HOUSE

Human Cloning Bill 2008 / Same Sex Parentage Bill 2011 / Euthanasia Bill 2012

## **UPPER HOUSE**

Human Cloning Bill 2009 / Euthanasia Bill 2009 / Same Sex IVF Bill 2013 / Fetal Rights Bill 2013

## **ELECTION SYNOPSIS**

The South Australian **House of Assembly** (lower house) has 47 seats, 26 of which are currently held by Labor, 18 by the Liberals, and 3 by the Independents. The **Legislative Council** (upper house) has 22 seats, 7 of which are currently held by Labor, 7 by the Liberals, 2 by the Greens, 2 by Family First, 2 by Nick Xenophon's group, 1 by Dignity for Disability and 1 Independent.

In the 2010 election, despite a swing against the incumbent party, Labor maintained majority government under the leadership of Mike Rann. When Rann first took office in 2002, South Australia was the last piece in a jigsaw that gave Labor coast to coast state governments for the first time in the party's history. 12 years later, Tasmania and South Australia are the Labor Party's last remaining state governments and both face their fates on 15th of March. Jay Weatherill took over from Rann as Premier and Labor leader in October 2011 and will lead Labor into this 2014 election.

#### EUTHANASIA BILL 2012

South Australia has gone through a constant series of attempts to legalize euthanasia. Independent MP, Bob Such has been relentless on this issue, introducing 3 private members bills to legalize euthanasia in the past 3 years! Fortunately South Australia is also where Paul Russell lives – the founder and leader of *HOPE* Australia, which is a broad coalition that includes legislators and doctors who oppose the legalization of euthanasia. In January 2013, South Australian Labor MP and *Emily's Lister*, Steph Key also stated her intention of introducing a bill to legalize euthanasia by 'living will.'



Bob Such (Ind)

## FETAL RIGHTS BILL 2013

This bill was introduced into the upper house on 20 February 2013 by Family First member Rob Brokenshire but was unfortunately defeated. The aim of the bill was to revise the criminal code in South Australia to take into account the extra significance of criminal acts which take the life of an unborn child. This bill was modelled on the 1996 changes in the Queensland Criminal Code which followed the infamous case in which a man kicked his pregnant girlfriend because he didn't want the child. In NSW a similar bill was passed overwhelming in the lower house in 2013, but has now stalled in the upper house due to intense lobbying by the feminist women's lobby – their fear being that recognising the fetus as a person will lead to encroachments on women's 'reproductive rights' (abortion).

## PRO-LIFE MINOR PARTY



The only pro-life minor party to be fielding candidates in this election is Family First – Founded by AOG minister Dr. Andrew Evans in South Australia in 2002. Family First is economically and socially conservative. It currently has two members in the South Australian Legislative Council – Robert Brokenshire and

Dennis Hood. Family First also gained a Senator (Bob Day) at the 2013 federal election but lost a Senator (Steve Fielding) at the 2010 federal election. In this 2014 state election, Family First is fielding candidates in 42 out of 47 lower house electorates i.e. all seats except *Adelaide, Bragg, Dunstan, Heysen* and *Unley.* In the upper house Dennis Hood will re-contest his seat along with Elisa Colak number 2 on the ticket.



## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

AUMAN CLOMING PARENTAGE 2012

ELECTORATE	Name	PARTY	ELECTED	MARGII	n Note	HU	NR SAM	FUT
Adelaide	SANDERSON, Rachel	Lib	2010	4.2		DNV	X	X
Ashford	KEY, Stephanie	ALP	1997	0.6	<b>⊗</b>	X	X	X
Bragg	CHAPMAN, Vickie	Lib	2002	20.1	<b>®</b>	X	DNV	0
Bright	FOX, Chloe	ALP	2006	0.5		X	X	X
Chaffey	WHETSTONE, Tim	Lib	2010	28.4		DNV	0	0
Cheltenham	WEATHERILL, Jay	ALP	2002	16.0	Premier	X	X	X
Colton	CAICA, Paul	ALP	2002	3.6		X	X	X
Croydon	ATKINSON, Michael	ALP	1989	15.5		O	0	0
Davenport	EVANS, Iain	Lib	1993	10.9		0	DNV	0
Dunstan	MARSHALL, Steven	Lib	2010	4.8	Opposition (2)	DNV	X	X
Elder	CONLON, Patrick	ALP	1997	2.0	Retiring	X	X	X
Enfield	RAU, John	ALP	2002	9.0		0	0	0
Finniss	PENGILLY, Michael	Lib	2006	11.2		DNV	0	0
Fisher	SUCH, Bob	Ind	1989	17.4		DNV	X	X
Flinders	TRELOAR, Peter	Lib	2010	26.2		DNV	0	0
Florey	BEDFORD, Frances	ALP	1997	3.6	<b>⊗</b>	X	X	X
Frome	BROCK, Geoff	Ind	2009	6.7		DNV	0	0
Giles	BREUER, Lyn	ALP	1997	11.9	Retiring ( )	DNV	DNV	DNV
Goyder	GRIFFITHS, Steven	Lib	2006	15.7		0	0	0
Hammond	PEDERICK, Adrian	Lib	2006	17.7		0	DNV	0
Hartley	PORTOLESI, Grace	ALP	2006	0.1	<b>⊗</b>	X	X	X
Heysen	REDMOND, Isobel	Lib	2002	16.5		X	X	DNV
Kaurna	HILL, John	ALP	1997	8.8	Retiring	X	DNV	X
Kavel	GOLDSWORTHY, Mark	Lib	2002	15.8		0	0	0
Lee	WRIGHT, Michael	ALP	1997	7.6	Retiring	X	X	X
Light	PICCOLO, Tony	ALP	2006	2.8		0	X	0
Little Para	ODENWALDER, Lee	ALP	2010	11.3		DNV	X	0
MacKillop	WILLIAMS, Mitch	Lib	1997	24.7		X	0	0
Mawson	BIGNELL, Leon	ALP	2006	4.5		X	X	X
Mitchell	SIBBONS, Alan	ALP	2010	2.4		DNV	X	X
Morialta	GARDNER, John	Lib	2010	2.8		DNV	X	X
Morphett	MCFETRIDGE, Duncan	Lib	2002	10.6		X	X	X
Mount Gambier	PEGLER, Don	Ind	2010	0.5		DNV	0	0
Napier	O'BRIEN, Michael	ALP	2002	16.1	Retiring	О	X	DNV
Newland	KENYON, Tom	ALP	2006	2.6		O	0	DNV
Playford	SNELLING, Jack	ALP	1997	14.7		DNV	DNV	0
Port Adelaide	CLOSE, Susan	ALP	2012	12.7	<b>⊗</b>	DNV	DNV	X
Ramsay	BETTISON, Zoe	ALP	2012	17.8		DNV	DNV	0
Reynell	THOMPSON, Gay	ALP	1997	10.5	Retiring	X	X	X
Schubert	VENNING, Ivan	Lib	1990	17.8	Retiring	О	О	0
Stuart	VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN, Dan	Lib	2010	7.6		DNV	О	0
Taylor	VLAHOS, Leesa	ALP	2010	12.6		DNV	X	0

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- O Indicates that the member voted pro-life on the particular piece of legislation
- $\boldsymbol{DNV}\,$   $\,$  Indicates that the member (for any number of possible reasons) did not register a vote.
  - Indicates a member of *EMILY'S List*

- Indicates a member of the *Parliamentary Group on Population & Development* 

HUMAN CLOPHING 2008 REPUTACE 2011

ELECTORATE	Name	PARTY I	LECTED	Margin	Note	ALC.	SA	₩	
Torrens	GERAGHTY, Robyn	ALP	1994	8.2	Retiring 🛞	X	X	X	
Unley	PISONI, David	Lib	2006	12.0		X	X	X	
Waite	HAMILTON-SMITH, Martin	Lib	1997	12.1		DNV	0	DNV	
West Torrens	KOUTSANTONIS, Tom	ALP	1997	10.8		0	0	0	
Wright	RANKINE, Jennifer	ALP	1997	4.9	<b>*</b>	X	X	0	ĺ

# NEW EMILY'S LIST CANDIDATES

*EMILY's List* is a group that raises funds for, and grooms radically pro-abortion female candidates exclusively for the Labor Party. Each newly selected and funded candidate is mentored by a senior member of the *List* and if elected, all members are obliged to support pro-abortion legislation.





- 4.8%

Jo Chapley
ALP for Dunstan





10.5%

Katrine Hildyard ALP for Reynell

## EMILY'S LIST IN MARGINAL SEATS

## **CURRENT EMILY'S LIST MP**

## **CONTESTING CANDIDATE**







Seat of Hartley
Labor Party
Margin of 0.1%



Vincent Tarzia (Lib)
Practising Catholic

Steph Key (ALP) EMILY's List





Seat of Ashford Labor Party Margin of 0.6%



Terina Monteagle (Lib)
Pro-life position
unknown

Frances Bedford (ALP)
EMILY's List





Seat of Florey
Labor Party
Margin of 3.6%



Damien Wyld (Lib)
Aust. Family Assoc. links
Associate editor of
AD2000

Jennifer Rankine (ALP) EMILY's List





Seat of Wright
Labor Party
Margin of 4.9%



Lyn Petrie (Lib)
Pro-life position
unknown



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## **MLCs Facing Election** (ELECTED 2006)

CLONING 2009 SAN SEX NF 2013 PARTY ELECTED NOTE

BRESSINGTON, Ann	NP	2006	Retiring	О	DNV	X	DNV
DARLEY, John	NP	2006		X	X	X	0
DAWKINS, John	Lib	2006		X	X	О	DNV
HOOD, Dennis	FF	2006		0	0	0	0
HUNTER, Ian	ALP	2006	<b>&amp;</b>	X	X	X	X
LENSINK, Michelle	Lib	2006	<b>&amp;</b>	X	X	X	DNV
LUCAS, Rob	Lib	2006		0	0	0	0
MAHER, Kyam	ALP	2012		DNV	DNV	DNV	X
PARNELL, Mark	Gr	2006	<b>&amp;</b>	X	X	X	X
WORTLEY, Russell	ALP	2006	<b>&amp;</b>	X	X	X	X
ZOLLO, Carmel	ALP	2006	Retiring	0	0	0	X

## CONTINUING MLCs (ELECTED 2010)

BROKENSHIRE, Robert	FF	2010		0	0	O	0
FINNIGAN, Bernard	Ind	2010		0	0	0	DNV
FRANKS, Tammy	Gr	2010		DNV	DNV	X	X
GAGO, Gail	ALP	2010	₩.	X	X	X	DNV
GAZZOLA, John	ALP	2010		X	X	X	DNV
KANDELAARS, Gerry	ALP	2010		DNV	DNV	X	X
LEE, Jing	Lib	2010		DNV	DNV	0	0
RIDGWAY, David	Lib	2010		X	О	O	0
STEPHENS, Terry	Lib	2010		0	0	0	0
VINCENT, Kelly	D4D	2010		DNV	DNV	X	X
WADE, Stephen	Lib	2010		0	0	X	DNV

## PROPORTIONAL VOTING

The best opportunity for any minor party to gain a seat in parliament is in the upper house. The South Australian Legislative Council's electoral system is essentially the same as the federal Senate - where voters can select either a single party 'above the line' on the ballot paper, thereby ordering your ballot according to that party's preferences or by numbering all of the candidates 'below the line'. eg. To vote for a pro-life party like Family First (see front page) place only a 1 'above the line' or rank Hood 1 and Colak 2 'below the line' before numbering the rest. The quota for election is only 8.33% of the vote.