

## Letter from the President



Dear Friends of Life,

As the year draws to a close we can only look back on the past 12 months as representing even more assaults on human life!

The greatest attacks on life have come from Tasmania- a State with a diminishing population.

Fortunately the euthanasia bill that was the brainchild of the Labour Premier Lara Giddings and Greens leader, Nick McKim, was defeated by two votes only!

Tragically the appalling abortion bill passed the Legislative Assembly and is now before the Legislative Council after it was referred to a government committee. We are yet to learn the result of their deliberations. Meanwhile we hold our breaths!

Suffice it to say that the establishing of a fairly strong Greens community in Tasmania has not been good for Tasmania, given their dangerous hidden agenda for legalised patient killing and abortion, Trees before people – that's their motto!

Margaret Tighe.

## March for the Babies

About 3000 people turned up for the annual March for the Babies in Melbourne's Treasury Gardens. As the group walked through the city they were confronted by a hundred protesters, mainly from the Socialist Alliance. The peaceful march was stopped as the groups came face to face with each other in Flinders St. The protesters threw eggs at the crowd and shouted abuse. Police formed a human barricade between the groups. The March then turned back and marched up Russell St on their way to Parliament House. Speaker Victorian MP Bernie Finn encouraged supporters to keep up the fight for the right to life of unborn children.



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## Tas Death Bill Defeated

After a marathon 12 hours debate, the Tasmanian Lower House defeated the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill by just two votes - 11/13 - on 17th October 2013. The bill was co-sponsored by Premier Lara Giddings and Greens leader Nick McKim. Lawyers and academics, Dr Hannah Graham and Dr Jeremy Pritchard, from the University of Tasmania, published a paper on the experience of other countries that have legalised euthanasia. It was sent to all Lower House members. According to ABC NEWS (9/10/13) they found evidence that safeguards were ignored or eroded over time. Dr Graham said that vulnerable people are being euthanased without their explicit consent, and that many disability rights advocates around the world are opposed to euthanasia. The Mercury (18/10/13) reported that many M.P.'s spoke of the hundreds of handwritten letters they received from Tasmanians voicing their opinion about the "Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill." Scott Bacon M.P. said, It is the most correspondence I've ever received on a single issue." Adam Brooks M.P. said, "Above all we must support the vulnerable."

Members opposing the bill said it left vulnerable members of society exposed to abuse and coercion and sent the wrong message about the value of human life. Mr Best said, "With this legislation, the safety of the elderly cannot be ensured." Ms Archer said, "It sends a very conflicted message to those contemplating suicide, especially young people."

Labor M.P's Michael Polley, Brian Wightman and Brenton Best voted against the bill, as did all Liberal M.P.'s.

Congratulations to all who wrote, visited or telephone their representative, asking him or her to represent them in opposing this death bill. Well done. However we cannot become complacent. Mr McKim said, "I'm not going to give up."

Right to Life Australia President Margaret Tighe also wrote to all M.P.'s pointing out the danger of such legislation. "Clearly," she said "the Greens claim to be mainly concerned with the environment but they give high priority to social engineering. If you are prolife you cannot vote for the Greens."

# CROSSROADS

*Pro-Life Walk Across Australia*

- **Who:** Young people, men and women, age between 18-30yrs, from all over Australia are welcome.

- **What:** An annual pro-life walk across Australia for 4 weeks and over 1,600 km – in summer from mid-December to mid-January 2014.

- **When:** The “Pro-Life Walk Across Australia” starts on 14 January 2014 in Brisbane and ends on 9 February 2014 in Melbourne.

- **Where:** The walk begins in Brisbane, follows the eastern coast of Australia, stopping through major cities and towns along the way, and ends in Melbourne.

- **Why:** We walk to witness to the dignity and sanctity of every human life, especially the unborn. Crossroads is a peaceful, prayerful organization dedicated to help bring about a “Culture of Life”.

**For more details and training schedule! Contact: Daniel Mount 0488 288 332**



## ACTION ALERT - South Australia

Dr Bob Such, that pro-euthanasia advocate in the South Australian parliament is at it again! He has introduced yet another bill aimed at legalising patient killing.

No matter how dressed up it may be, one thing is certain – he is determined to see the legalisation of euthanasia in South Australia and he must be resisted at all costs!

Once legislation of that nature passes a legislature, as we have seen from the Netherlands, Belgium Oregon (U.S.) little by little it becomes wider and wider and the categories of killable patients expand.

**ACTION:** Please write, email or telephone your M.P.'s and ask them to vote against the Such bill. Tell them you want patient care, not patient killing.

Don't know your M.P.? Phone the South Australia Electoral Commission on **132 326** or **RTL A 1300 734 175**.

## ACTION ALERT - Victoria

One of the worst manifestations of Victoria's Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 has possibly been the lack of conscientious objection for health professionals, e.g. doctors and nurses, from participating in the provision of abortions, even to requiring a doctor to refer a woman for an abortion if he or she objects to the procedure.

Already one doctor, Dr Mark Hobart, has been called before the Medical Board because of failure to refer a woman patient to an abortionist.

If Dr Hobart loses his registration, as a doctor, because of this draconian law, this will represent an abuse of human rights worthy of former communist regimes.

It is essential that this aspect of the Victorian Abortion Law reform Act 2008 be removed immediately. The practice of abortion till birth will not only be allowed to continue but will become more entrenched, because doctors will be too scared of losing their livelihood, not to participate in the abortion holocaust.

Another Dr., known as Dr K of Nunawading, suffered a 15 month investigation by the Medical Board and warned he could lose his practising certificate if he came before them again.

**ACTION:** Please write to the Victorian Premier, The Hon. Dr Denis Napthine M.P.

- Attorney-General, The Hon. Robert Clark M.P.

- Your local M.P.'s both Upper and Lower House

asking them to remove this objectionable section of the even more objectionable Abortion Law Reform Act 2008. Address letters to Parliament House, Melbourne 3000. Don't know your M.P.? Ring the Victorian electoral office on **131 832** or **RTL A**.

## ACTION ALERT - New South Wales

At the time of going to press Zoe's bill (Crimes Amendment (Zoe's law) Bill No. 2, 2013) is still being dealt with in the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly. The purpose of Zoe's bill is to recognise that if an unborn child dies as a result of an accident or injury to the mother, both acts should be recognised as a crime – not just that which causes grievous bodily harm to the mother. Currently the law only recognises as a crime, the injury to the mother.

As expected, there is strident opposition from the pro-abortion lobby who fear that any recognition of any rights for an unborn child may be the thin edge of the wedge leading to abortion restrictions. This is despite the fact that this is made clear in the legislation that this, sadly, is not the case!

**ACTION:** Please write, email or telephone your Members of Parliament and ask them to support Zoe's law.

Don't know your M.P.'s? Phone the NSW Electoral Commission on **1300 135 736** or **RTL A**.

*“When they feel the heat, they see the light” – Margaret Tighe*

## Deaths from low blood sugar at Sugarloaf Nursing Home

The deaths of two nursing home residents from Wallsend near Newcastle are being treated as suspicious after dying within 24 hours of each other, police say.

A third resident was also admitted to hospital with the same hypoglycaemia symptoms but survived.

Police Commander Supt John Gralton said the NSW homicide squad was now working Newcastle police to investigate the deaths at SummitCare's Sugarloaf Nursing Home, the Daily Telegraph reports.

"The deaths are being treated as suspicious unless determined otherwise," Supt Gralton was quoted as saying.



[PHOTO] <https://www.google.com.au/search?q=sugarloaf+nursing+home+and+photo&tbm>

## Search and Destroy Missions facilitated - Katrina Haller

Dorevitch Pathology has sent a letter out advertising that a new blood test, costing \$850, can determine chromosomal disorders of unborn children. This is set to become their death sentence. A box can be ticked to ascertain the gender of the baby. We see in the case of Dr Hobart of Sunshine, Victoria, that this has resulted in female feticide. The new blood test makes it easier to go on the search and destroy missions that seem to have been embraced by some members of the medical community. It is as if they have decided on a policy of eliminating babies who are "not perfect." This discriminates against them on the basis of a disability.

We hear from many mothers who are subject to intense pressure from their doctors to abort once a diagnosis has been made that their unborn baby has a disability. What does this say to those in our community who have a disability? - That their lives are valueless, not worth living. Who are we to make such a negative judgment? Please refuse to use Pathology Laboratories that offer this test.

### SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS For October 2013

1st Prize (\$100) No. 64 - Nell Wilson, Abbotsford VIC

2nd Prize (\$40) No. 136 - Patricia Kendall, Stanhope VIC

If you would like to join for \$24 per year please contact [christine.wong@goodshep.com.au](mailto:christine.wong@goodshep.com.au)

## Tasmania's Abortion Bill – Bad News - Margaret Tighe

The long awaited report of the Committee on the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013, released 13th November 2013, totally ignores the rights of the child which was only to be expected!

The committee recorded the reference on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child presented to them by Dean Richard Humphrey of the Anglican Church, but then went on in its final deliberations to completely ignore this noble statement and to ensure that its final recommendations represent no more than a bit of "tinkering" at the edges.

In short, the bill as it is represents a blatant denial of the rights of the child and endorses the current practice of eugenics – aborting babies with a disability, which may be minor or major.

It still enshrines draconian penalties for those health professionals who refuse to endorse abortion and for those who protest, even if silently and peacefully, outside an abortuary.

Above all, although the committee seems to believe that there is some virtue in allowing abortion up to 16 weeks only, on demand (not quite so squeamish), sure enough two doctors (easily found) can give the go ahead for abortion up to birth at the mother's request, even on socio economic grounds! That may mean, "My partner has left me," "We can't cope with the mortgage," etc.

And if the baby aborted late in the pregnancy happens to still be alive – well, no life saving measures need be applied! After all, baby is meant to be dead! Should this Bill pass the Legislative Council it will be the blackest day in Tasmania since the Port Arthur massacre!

## Fundraiser

We have the opportunity to raise money for our cause just by switching supermarkets and buying products from another source. This company has products that are safer and healthier for your family and contain no chlorine bleach, no ammonia, no formaldehyde and no phosphates and yet they are very effective and can save you time and money.

Just by changing stores, Right to Life Australia will earn 5% commission on the products you buy. This provides us with ongoing residual income. If you would like to help us, please phone Mrs Kim Ausling on 0425 855 092. Thank you!

*After you die, help someone to live  
Remember our life-saving work  
in your Will*



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# News from around The World

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Some good news!

**European Parliament Rejects Bill Declaring Abortion a Fundamental Human Right**  
by Steven Ertelt | Strasbourg, France | LifeNews.com 22/10/13

The European Parliament today rejected a report that recommended that EU nations declare abortion to be a human right and to make abortion available within all public health systems of member countries. Adoption of the report would have placed more pressure on pro-life nations like Ireland, Poland and Malta to legalize abortion on demand.

"The report states that 20 member nations permit abortion on demand (generally with a gestational limit). Of the seven remaining nations, three have very liberal restrictions regarding abortion while three nations will perform abortions only under more limited circumstances," says pro-life analyst Nora Sullivan. "The measure the"

"Under the proposals, medically-assisted euthanasia would also be offered as an option to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

"Once diagnosed and while still lucid, they would be able to consent to being killed when their illness progressed to the point where doctors decided they were no longer interacting with society – even if on the surface they appeared to be happy and well."



[PHOTO <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/10/09/belgium-mps-debate-extending-euthanasia-to-children-with-disabilities/>]



[PHOTO from [www.lifenews.com/2013/10/22/european-parliament-rejects-bill-declaring-abortion-a-fundamental-human-right/](http://www.lifenews.com/2013/10/22/european-parliament-rejects-bill-declaring-abortion-a-fundamental-human-right/)]

## BELGIUM

**MPs Debate Extending Euthanasia to Children With Disabilities**

by Alex Schadenberg, Washington DC, LifeNews.com 9/10/13

An article written by Adam Withnall and published in The Independent newspaper on October 8 is reporting that the Belgian parliament has resumed its debate on the extension of euthanasia to children with disabilities and people with Alzheimer's/dementia. The sub-headline is very revealing—"The country already has some of the most relaxed laws on medically-assisted suicide in the world." Currently the law is "limited" to adults—those over 18.

The article states:

"Belgium is set to debate this week whether or not it will extend its laws allowing euthanasia to include children and those suffering from long-term 'diseases of the brain' like Alzheimer's. . . .

"Under the bill being considered, this could be extended to those under 18 if they requested it, their parents gave their consent, and where an expert psychologist deemed the child to fully understand the implications of their decision. . . .

## USA

Kathy Edgeworth

The good news from the U.S. is that quite a number of states have been adding restrictions to abortions. Banning abortions at times from six weeks in Arkansas, to twenty weeks (Texas) and including requirements that abortion providers have admitting privileges at hospitals and that these facilities having the same life-saving equipment as surgical centers. Hopefully, these will have the effect of shutting down many abortion centers. Mississippi, for instance, may become the first state with no abortion facilities whatsoever. Most of these laws are now winding their way through the courts.

Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood is not asleep at the switch. Former Jesuit Seminarian, Governor Jerry Brown of California (a.k.a. Gov. Moonbeam, a title coined by his former girl friend, singer Linda Ronstadt) may sign an awful bill which has the support of the California Medical Association. It would allow persons to perform first trimester abortions in facilities with no doctors and very limited emergency equipment on site. These providers would be required to have only limited training and none of it by a doctor. The stated purpose of this law, of course, is to make abortion even more available to women in remote locations. Women having medical complications will obviously be at much greater risk; don't hold your breath waiting for the dramatically lowered costs to be passed on to patients.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell (of Pennsylvania, now serving time for murder of infants born alive) is writing poetry and trying to gain sympathy by portraying himself as acting in the interests of poor women. Perhaps he is missing his yacht. To no one's surprise the more details that emerge, the more of a monster he is revealed to be.

## SCOTLAND

**Health board again tries to force midwives to supervise abortions**

BY PETER SAUNDERS, 12/6/13

Two Glasgow midwives, who won a landmark legal battle to avoid taking any part in abortion procedures, may now have to return to court.

Last April appeal judges ruled that the right of Mary Doogan and Concepta Wood (pictured) to conscientious objection meant they could refuse to delegate, supervise or support staff involved in abortions.

The verdict marked the first time in Britain that the right to conscientious objection was deemed to extend beyond direct participation.

But a spokesperson for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC) has now said that it is the health board's intention to appeal the decision of the Inner House of the Court of Session to The Supreme Court.

The Abortion Act 1967 gives healthcare professionals the right to conscientiously object to 'participate' in abortion but the scope of the word 'participate' has been the matter of some legal dispute.

Lady Dorrian, who presided at the previous appeal with Lord Mackay of Drumadoon and Lord McEwan, said: 'In our view the right of conscientious objection extends not only to the actual medical or surgical termination but to the whole process of treatment given for that purpose.'

. . . Abortion not only takes an innocent human life, it is also contrary to all historic codes of medical ethics including the Hippocratic Oath and Declaration of Geneva.



[PHOTO from <http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2013/08/glasgow-health-board-again-tries-to-force-midwives-to-supervise-abortions/#.UoGQAFn1-M>]

The International Convention on the Rights of the Child states,

*"the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."*