



# RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

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## Our Prime Minister

**Firm commitment to government funded abortions**

We always knew about P.M. Julia Gillard's involvement in the establishing of the infamous EMILY's List, within the Labor party. As you are no doubt aware, this is an idea borrowed from the Democratic Party in the U.S. EMILY stands for "Early Money Is Like Yeast" – the group supports pro-abortion women. Its aim is to achieve the election of pro-abortion women to public office. Tragically, there are already far too many in our parliaments, both state and federal. Indeed, most of the women on the current government's front bench are members of EMILY's List including Julie Collins (M.P. Franklin) Catherine King (M.P. Ballarat) Jenny Macklin (M.P. Jaga Jaga), Senator Penny Wong (S.A) Tanya Plibersek (M.P. Sydney) Senator Kate Lundy (A.C.T.) and of course the P.M. herself.

As well there are 17 other women from EMILY's List in federal parliament.

In relation to state parliaments, Victoria has the highest number of members of EMILY's List – 19 to be exact compared with 7 in the N.S.W. parliament! No wonder Victoria has removed all protection from unborn children!

To return to our Prime Minister – In a speech she delivered at the Australian Medical Association's annual dinner on 22nd August, 2012, she said, "How vigilant we must be to protect the progress we've made, particularly in women's health.

*Women must have the right to health care and women must have the right to choose.*

*So the Federal Labor Government will be there supporting women's health.*

*Whether it's the independence of the TGA's decisions in regulating fertility treatments, whether it's allowing our foreign aid budget to include spending on family planning, whether it's supporting a women's right to choose through Medicare-funded services, that's my commitment to Australian women as Prime Minister.*

*And I know the profession will be there with us.*

*And I know you're there with us on those issues."*

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Although we have had several Prime Ministers who have endorsed federal government funding of abortion e.g. Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke, Paul Keating, not one of them has been so outspoken in support of it, especially in addressing Australia's leading group of medical practitioners, many of whom would not necessarily agree with her!

Margaret Tighe



## 2012 Republican Convention

**[Our U.S. Correspondent, Kathy Edgeworth – a delegate for Louisiana at the Republican Convention]**

Attending the Republican National Convention was a thrill and being upgraded to delegate from alternate was really amazing. One feels like a witness to history. This is true even though nowadays the identity of the nominee is known prior to the convention. I think it's important for both parties to have a chance to put their cases to the American public unfiltered by the media.

It is especially important for Republicans, since the media is rather biased toward the Democrats. The National Networks only gave one hour per night to convention coverage. (As a child, I remember gavel to gavel coverage on all networks). Because of Hurricane Isaac, the first night of the Republican Convention was cancelled. This probably worked to the Republicans' advantage, since Mrs. Romney gave such a stirring address, which would not have been carried by the networks, had it been given on Monday night as originally scheduled. She really did a good job of introducing Mr. Romney and telling their story that, of a "real, not fairytale" marriage.

There were no fights on the party platform, and a strong pro-life plank was approved. A compromise was reached on Rules as there was some fear that the original report would have stifled grass roots participation (including pro-life), by requiring candidate approval of delegates. The revised version prevents pledged delegates from violating their commitments. Many, including myself, were chosen as uncommitted.

Wednesday night we heard from Gov. Christie of New Jersey, and Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the vice-presidential nominee. Both speeches were excellent. On Thursday night Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Gov. Suzanne Martinez of New Mexico spoke. The younger group was so strong that some pundits have referred to this as the coming out party for 2016. Although Right to Life was mentioned, the emphasis was on jobs. The twenty three million unemployed and the increasing debt were frequently discussed. Mr. Obama's statement that if you have a business "you didn't build it" got lots of play. Many Republicans are small business owners. Speakers including Gov. Martinez spoke of their struggles to build their businesses. The theme of the convention was the economy. Speaker after speaker asked, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago"? This, of course, was a reference to Ronald Reagan.

There were two clocks, one showing the debt since the beginning of the Republican Convention and the other showing the rising national debt.

The next two months are critical to the future of the country and it all boils down to a few swing states. In fact, many believe the lack of a "bounce" in the polls for the Republicans after their convention is due to a record low number of undecided voters. Republicans have set up a system whereby volunteers in non-swing states can phone potential Romney voters in swing states. My nephew who lives in Virginia, a crucial state, has been working 100+ hour weeks for Mr. Romney.

Just a quick note on the Democrats. They stated that Mr. Obama's acceptance speech was moved to an indoor stadium because of the threat of rain. In fact, all week, the scuttlebutt had been that the Democrats were scrambling to avoid empty seats and had plans to bus in church groups from South Carolina. The enthusiasm gap has apparently switched sides. There was also some embarrassment as they put back a reference to God and another on the capital of Israel back into their platform. It appeared to take three votes to reinstate God, with some boos.

Kathy Edgeworth  
US Correspondent

## Tony Abbott & Abortion

For a long time now pro-lifers have been disappointed at the seeming attitude of the federal opposition leader, Tony Abbott, towards the abortion issue.

With the current campaign against him started up by his political opponents, Tony Abbott has been painted as a misogynist or woman hater which is ridiculous.

One of the main concerns of these feminists is, I believe, the abortion issue. How can having free access to the killing of one's children before birth, be so pro-women? Having the much vaunted "right to choose." Choose what? Whether or not to kill one's child.

Whilst Tony Abbott has a clear anti-abortion voting record during his years in Federal parliament, the words of David Marr, in the *Weekend Australian* (15-16 September, 2012) should give heart to the pro-abortionists and concern to the pro-lifers.

*"According to Marr, Abbott's problem with women is that in his heart he still dreams of rolling back abortion laws. Yet Marr concedes that this will not happen, Abbott knows it will not happen and that Abbott will not try. Of course, this is an established fact given Abbott's pledges during the 2010 campaign. The abortion issue is going nowhere."*

Well – it's up to us. Let Mr Abbott know that top priority for you with politicians is their stance on abortion.

Tell him it's high time he expressed some care and concern for the more than 100,000 unborn babies callously killed in taxpayer funded abortions each year.

Address all letters C/- Parliament House, Canberra, 2600.

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### Special Report

#### Australia commits \$50 million to contraceptive services and abortion

This month (July 2012) the Alliance for Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health (RMNH) opened its London Summit on Family Planning. Bob Carr, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and AusAID Director General Peter Baxter announced at the Summit that Australia will double its funding for family planning services to more than \$50 million per year by 2016, up from \$26 million in 2010. This money will be used for programs which include the training of 500 new midwives in Papua New Guinea to deliver abortifacient birth control and sterilisations, and building a national non-scalpel vasectomy training centre and clinic where vasectomies can be performed by Community Health Workers in the Eastern Highlands – the most densely populated region of Papua New Guinea.

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### ACTION

Write to Prime Minister Gillard and Senator Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister, expressing your outrage at the treatment of Papua New Guinea in this way. Say they need help in education, better health care, etc. instead of population control!

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## Human garbage - collaborating with evil

"If you assist a murderer, you have blood on your hands". What can we say of our modern-day holocaust- the killing of 100,000 thousand unborn babies every year in Australia- 20,000 in Victoria alone? In February 2011 we became aware that SteriHealth, (Victoria's largest clinical waste company) serviced private and public abortion centres. SteriHealth is providing syringes, gloves, forceps, buckets, large recyclable pails to these clinics and collecting and incinerating aborted babies.

SteriHealth insisted that they **didn't know** that their company was a part of this. After FOI requests to 20 public hospitals, responses revealed that SteriHealth was collecting aborted babies, and had been for years.



We discovered that some Board Members of SteriHealth are also church leaders in large churches in Victoria. These leaders manage a company that collects and incinerates aborted babies that are also killed using their products – they even recycle the containers that store abort-

ed babies (as the company is proudly environmentally friendly).

My wife sent an email to SteriHealth's head office in Queensland, suggesting that she was going to set up an abortion clinic in Beenleigh, Queensland. She asked:

*"I am the director of a new abortion clinic, which is to be set up in Beenleigh, Queensland. Will your company SteriHealth pick up all medical waste from our facility? This includes aborted babies, body tissue, body fluids and so forth? We will also require collections of sharps."*

The Queensland SteriHealth sales co-ordinator responded quickly, within a few hours,

*"Thank you for your email. We are able to offer you the services you require. We have a range of bins for collection, ranging from a 20 Litre pail to a 240 Litre clinical bins. We can also dispose of sharps containers and supply them if you wish. If you could let me know what sort of bin you require and how often you would like it collected and if you require sharps containers, what size you require, I can send you some pricing."*

After 1 1/2 years of being exposed, Sterihealth is still:

1. Providing products to abortion clinics in public hospitals—including cleaning and recycling bins used for aborted babies.
2. Collecting, incinerating and discarding aborted babies into landfill
3. Profiting financially by supporting the abortion industry, particularly within public hospitals in Victoria.

SteriHealth is *still* managed by church leaders from several church ministries, who have not had the decency or concern to make a public statement to inform either those in their congregations or their SteriHealth shareholders.

Trevor Grace, South Australian anti-abortion activist  
[Excerpt from presentation at RTLA Conference, Melb, July 2012.]

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last date for nominations: 18/10/12.

To vote, membership must be renewed by 18/10/12

Thursday 25th October 2012

6 p.m

161A Donald St

Brunswick East

## Infants born alive following abortion in Western Australia

When a baby is born alive in WA after more than 20 weeks' gestation, and subsequently dies, birth and death reports and registration are required. It was revealed in answers to parliamentary questions earlier this year that 14 babies in WA (the number was later revised down to 8) had been born alive, and had subsequently died, following abortion of the pregnancy by early induction of labour. This prompted the question: had any of these babies been intentionally denied medical treatment which could have saved their lives? If so, that could constitute unlawful homicide, since the Criminal Code clearly recognises, at least for people who have been born, the unlawfulness of homicide by neglect, no less than by a positive act which shortens life.

The Coalition for the Defence of Human Life wrote to the State Coroner to ask whether any of these deaths had been reported to the Coroner's office. Following an exchange of increasingly specific letters, the Coroner has told us that the Health Department has told him that all the babies had conditions incompatible with life, so that their deaths were expected, and therefore not required to be reported to the Coroner.

Not every death must be reported to the Coroner for his investigation:

The clearest case of a non-reportable death is that of a patient who dies of a long-standing terminal illness. In the same way, if all these babies were already, in effect, mortally ill, then their deaths would not have been reportable. But a further question may be asked in parliament to see whether the Health Minister is prepared to repeat in person what his department has written to the State Coroner

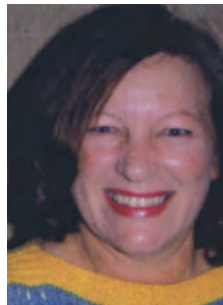
Dr Ted Watt, RTLA representative in WA



Above - one end of the banner, which now stretches 90 meters and will double by year end. It needs 20 people to hold it now and up to 40 by December.

**Will you help or do we grind to a halt?**

## Late abortions skyrocket in Victoria – Government report



The 2009 Report of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity has now been published and demonstrates that late abortions have skyrocketed after the Victorian 2008 Abortion Law Reform Act.

The Report provides the numbers of abortions done after 20 weeks gestation, that is half way through pregnancy. In 2009, there were 410 late abortions compared with 296 in 2008.

This is a 38.5% increase compared with the 2008 figures. Over half - 214 - were for maternal psychosocial indications. The other 196 late abortions were performed for congenital abnormalities. Of the latter, 42 babies were born alive and presumably left to die. These babies were discriminated against on the grounds of a disability, and instead of being given medical help when they were born alive, they seem to have been neglected to death.

Every abortion is a tragedy. If so many pregnant women have "psychosocial indications" why are they not referred to psychologists, social workers or psychiatrists? Why kill the baby because you are anxious instead of dealing with the anxiety using psychological, social, or psychiatric therapies? Then nobody would have to die. Surely we can offer pregnant women something better.

We welcome the comment on page 10 of the Report – 'Support should be provided for strategies to increase awareness in the community of the importance of seeking treatment for mental health disorders especially associated with pregnancy.'

The Right to Life Australia calls for all babies born alive to be given medical help, like premature babies, so they can be adopted by people who want them.

Dr Katrina Haller, Senior Executive Officer

### Parliament House protest to stop abortions

**Join our happy team and put pressure on our polities every time they come to work**

**Interested?**

**Please phone Dave Forster 9360 4921  
or phone 0409 954 623 or email  
m\_dforster@yahoo.com.au**



Photo on left Pat McKay, Dan Becker, Margaret Tighe at the function

Ladies in red - Mary, Sally, Mary and Babette enjoy a drink at Dan's presentation

## Personhood - the new civil rights movement of the 21st century

Dan Becker, President of Georgia (US) Right to Life and co-founder of the Personhood movement, began his address at the Right to Life office in Melbourne on 13th September by showing a picture of smoke coming out of a crematorium in Germany in 1920. This was from the cremation of babies who had disabilities - anencephaly, Potter's syndrome and Chromosomal trisomy. The groups cremated then extended to the deaf, the dumb and mentally challenged. This set the basis for the holocaust.

He described the Personhood movement in the U.S. as not compromising or negotiating with politicians, but keeping to the principle of the inviolable right to life of every innocent human being. The purpose is to restore respect and effect legal protection to all human life from fertilisation to natural death.

Legal personhood is the essence of all dialogue and debate. During history various groups - blacks, indigenous Indians in America, women (according to the Canadian Supreme Court), those with disabilities in Nazi Germany, political dissidents, unwanted religious groups, Aborigines in Australia - were defined or treated as "non-persons." The denial of personhood dehumanises groups who can then be oppressed or killed.

Personhood USA is an organisation that says all humans are persons and works towards achieving a definition of "person" that includes unborn children. This would ensure that the Right to Life applies to unborn children.

### PERSONHOOD

The inalienable right to life possessed by every human being is present from the moment of initial formation, and all human beings shall be entitled to the equal protection of persons under the law.

[www.personhoodusa.com](http://www.personhoodusa.com)

## 12th November - Barefoot Day

As reported in the Victorian Law Institute Journal, (June 2012) 12th November is the birthday of the "barefoot" blind Chinese human rights lawyer, Chen Guangcheng. The U.K. Law Gazette has invited solicitors, barristers, legal executives, paralegals, students and the judiciary to remove their socks and shoes for five minutes and take a photograph to post on facebook, twitter or tweetlawfeet. The barefoot campaign is the brainchild of UK barrister Jason Hadden. He called for an International Human Rights Law Day. He said, "Governments are keeping very quiet, perhaps as a conflict between commercial interests and what everybody recognises as a gross violation of international law." Chen Guangcheng exposed forced abortions in China to the rest of the world. He and his family suffered at the hands of the government, before reaching the U.S embassy and now taken to the U.S.A.

Right to Life Australia invites all of us to go barefoot for five minutes on 12th November and take a prolife photograph for facebook and twitter. Put your best foot forward.

## Inaugural March for the Babies Dinner 2012

Oration to be given by Lord Nicholas Windsor (very pro life member of the Royal Family) at Sofitel Hotel Melbourne

7pm on Friday 12 October 2012 \$150.00 per person  
Further enquiries phone 0402 686 525 or  
email [marchforthebabiesdinner@gmail.com](mailto:marchforthebabiesdinner@gmail.com)



## Nellie Gray Obituary

**Nellie Gray (Associated Press/March for Life Education and Defense Fund)**



WASHINGTON (AP) — Nellie Gray, the founder and chief organizer of an annual anti-abortion march in Washington and a leader in efforts to overturn the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, has died. She was 86.

Gray was a lawyer and former federal employee who devoted herself full-time to the anti-abortion movement after the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

The first March for Life was held the following year on the anniversary of the ruling. Despite the January date, it is consistently one of the largest protests of the year in Washington, and leading anti-abortion politicians frequently address the crowd.

Gray was the primary organizer of the march throughout its 38-year history. She used the phrase "no exceptions, no compromise" to sum up her belief that life begins at conception and abortion should be illegal.

At this year's march, she referred to abortion as genocide and the *Roe v. Wade* decision as "an evil imposed upon our country."

"The government must understand that they are participating in a crime against humanity which cannot be made legal," she said.

She was one of a few dozen abortion opponents who organized the first march in 1974, and shortly thereafter, she founded the nonprofit March for Life Education and Defense Fund. She served as president of the group until her death.

"Nellie Gray was a pro-life pioneer who will be dearly missed," said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee. "The indelible mark she has left in this world can be seen in the generations of lives saved as a result of her dedicated work on behalf of the unborn."

## IT Update

Our new website is up and running [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au) and now we are able to add content from within the RTLA office instead of having to rely on the external company. This enables us to post information in a more timely manner. We are monitoring media outlets for any relevant information which we can then place on line, with our comments. This can happen very quickly, the same day, or even hour if required.

We have commenced training on civiCRM which dovetails into the website system and allows us to identify members in specific electorates. This will enable us to contact you on an electorate basis and give you information in relation to campaigns and action alerts. We are able to track the number of "hits" to our website which will give us information about the types of articles, or blogs which are being followed.

We are working on the next milestone of being able to donate, join and register online. - Mary Collier, Secretary.

## TGA fails Australian mothers as well as preborn babies

We were shocked that the Therapeutic Goods Administration has registered the controversial drug RU486 as *safe and effective* to Marie Stopes International, for aborting babies.

On 19th March 2012, *The Australian* reported the death of a woman from the abortion pill RU486. This demonstrates that RU486 can be fatal to the mother, as well as fatal to her unborn child. The woman died in 2010. It took two years for her death to become public. She died of a streptococcus infection which is susceptible to antibiotic treatment. She was given the drug at a Marie Stopes International abortion clinic.

In the U.S., 14 women have died because of RU486, 8 of these were because of sepsis. Who would say it is safe for women? It is not safe for women, as well as being fatal to preborn babies.

Marie Stopes International is a multi-million dollar business.

Every abortion is a tragedy. The TGA has failed Australians, both our unborn children and their mothers.

Dr Katrina Haller

## Your taxes at work – making and destroying babies

**Mr Roland von Marburg M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S**

Mr Roland von Marburg is an ear, nose and throat surgeon working in Albury, NSW. This is an extract from his address at the Right to Life Conference in July.

He spoke of how the billion dollar plus figure is arrived at by assessing the direct and indirect cost of abortion on our federal and state budgets. This included provision of abortions, treating complications of abortions, both surgically and mentally. He envisaged that if we did not kill 100,000 Australians per year, we could save somewhere between \$1 billion and \$10 billion a year.

He described the great link between abortion and the IVF industry stating that the AVERAGE, income of IVF doctors in Australia is estimated to be \$4.5 million. He said the cost of delivering one live birth through IVF to a woman over the age of forty is at least \$250,000 by the estimates of a Medical Journal of Australia article published in 2004. He also discussed the effects of abortion on our demographics.

Mr von Marburg said that Australia is a country short of people. We have a somewhat contentious but aggressive immigration policy. This is necessary when we kill 100,000 of our own people every year. If we did not kill 100,000 Australians per year, we could save somewhere between \$1 billion and \$10 billion a year. A full copy of Mr von Marburg's speech is available by contacting Right to Life Australia office or on our website [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au).

## When you die, help others to live

We share a vision for a community where every human life is respected, from conception until natural death, regardless of age, place of residence, gender or disability.

When you write or update your Will, consider The Right to Life Australia. A bequest is a gift made under a Will. A specific bequest is a specified sum or asset, such as property. A residuary bequest is a portion of your estate, after other costs have been paid.

Through a bequest to The Right to Life Australia, you can give the gift of life to the most vulnerable and defenceless of our human family. Your generosity will make a difference to the pregnant women facing difficulties who contact us. We want to support and encourage them in their very challenging circumstances. Our Pregnancy Counsellors are well qualified and provide a 24/7 service to anyone – the mother, her partner and family members. We want to be able to do “whatever it takes” to help the mother value their baby’s right to life and continue her pregnancy to a successful birth. We rely on the generosity of our supporters to provide our services for the cost of a local telephone call to the caller.

Legislatively we are working to uphold the right to life of all unborn babies, and prevent destructive laws. Euthanasia is also being promoted even though we have very good palliative care. We need to maintain and extend good palliative care instead of killing. We are opposing human embryo experimentation so that the exceptionalism of human beings is respected and protected. You can be a practical part of this vision.

### BEQUEST wording

*I bequeath to The Right to Life Australia the sum of \$xxxxx for the general purposes of The Right to Life Australia, 161A Donald St. Brunswick East, VIC 3057.*

OR

I give, devise and bequeath xx% of my residuary estate, to The Right to Life Australia for the general purposes of The Right to Life Australia, 161A Donald St. Brunswick East, Vic. 3057.

On behalf of all the most vulnerable members of our community, we sincerely thank you for your generous support.

Dr Katrina Haller



**Starts 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

40 days for Life is a campaign of witnessing outside abortion clinics for 40 days. The current campaign starts from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012. **John Forster** is the campaign Director.

If you can help, contact [www.40daysforlife.com/Sydney](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Sydney) (or other city)



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## News from around the world

### United States

#### Woman Conceived in Rape Responds to Akin Abortion Controversy

[by Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC, LifeNews.com 20.08.12]

Rebecca Kiessling, a pro-life attorney from Michigan, fully understands the national debate going on concerning the controversial comments Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin made about abortion and rape. Kiessling was conceived when her mother was victimized by a rapist.

"It seems to me, first of all, from what I understand from doctors, if it's a legitimate rape, that's really rare. The female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down," Akin said. "The punishment ought to be on the rapist, and not in attacking the child."

Kiessling responded to the comments saying that the use of the term "legitimate rape" was unnecessary and improper and she gave her advice for how pro-life candidates can thoughtfully and articulately address the sensitive subject of rape and abortion.

"First of all – never say 'legitimate rape,'" Kiessling said. "Ron Paul used the same terminology last January and he got lambasted for it too. This kind of remark only serves to perpetuate the suspicion of rape victims' accounts. It's estimated that only 1% of rape victims ever see their rapist convicted as charged. Rape is rape. "Legitimate rape" almost sounds as if it was somehow justifiable."

"If you are 100% pro-life with no rape exceptions, there is no need to question the veracity of a rape victims' account, because you are against all abortions. It would not matter if a woman was or was not raped," she continued.

While abortion advocates often talk about supporting a woman's right to privacy, Kiessling says rape exceptions in abortion laws turn that notion on its head.

"Rape exceptions in the law actually put the government in the position of having to ascertain when the child was conceived, who the father is, whether the child was conceived during the alleged rape or during intercourse with her husband or boyfriend, and if the child was conceived during the time frame of the alleged rape, then the government would need to determine whether the sexual intercourse was consensual or not," she explained. "So rape exceptions serve to perpetuate the injustice against rape victims that their accounts are to be viewed with skepticism, and it further leaves the majority of impregnated rape victims wholly unprotected under the law. Rape exceptions suggest that a "real rape victim" couldn't possibly love "the rapist's baby" and that rape victim mothers don't exist."

The pro-life attorney says pro-life candidates need to be coached on how to answer the media's inevitable question.

Rape victims choose abortion at half the rate of the average unplanned pregnancy, which is over 50%. Only 15-25% of rape victims choose abortion, depending on the study. The majority of rape victims choose to raise her child – not "the rapist's baby" – HER child.

### United Kingdom

#### Julian Savulescu

#### Another Australian "bad news" ethicist

[lifeneews.com/20/08/2012]

Professor Julian Savulescu who is Director of the Oxford Centre for Neuroethics and Director of the Oxford Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics, could claim to espouse ever more outrageous views than Peter Singer – if that is possible!

Savulescu argues for an seemingly harmless philosophy called "procreative beneficence." He insists that parents should choose the "best" child slated to have the "best" life judged simply on his or her genetics and if parents start being genetically selective about their kids that will make life better for all of us. Savulescu is peddling his wares to popular media. Reader's Digest in the UK just did a piece on Savulescu and his euphemistic "procreative beneficence." The Telegraph reports:

Professor Julian Savulescu said that creating so-called designer babies could be considered a "moral obligation" as it makes them grow up into "ethically better children".

The expert in practical ethics said that we should actively give parents the choice to screen out personality flaws in their children as it meant they were then less likely to "harm themselves and others"....

By screening in and screening out certain genes in the embryos, it should be possible to influence how a child turns out.

In the end, he said that "rational design" would help lead to a better, more intelligent and less violent society in the future.

"Surely trying to ensure that your children have the best, or a good enough, opportunity for a great life is responsible parenting?" wrote Prof Savulescu, the Uehiro Professor in practical ethics....

"Indeed, when it comes to screening out personality flaws, such as potential alcoholism, psychopathy and disposition to violence, you could argue that people have a moral obligation to select ethically better children.

"They are, after all, less likely to harm themselves and others."

"If we have the power to intervene in the nature of our offspring – rather than consigning them to the natural lottery – then we should."

So in Savulescu's world loving your children

as they are is bad parenting and leaving their genetic make-up to nature is irresponsible, morally-objectionable behavior.

### U.K. Stroke Victim – Tony Nicholson sought death at the U.K. High Court

When Tony Nicholson, a U.K. stroke victim paralysed from the neck down sought from Britain's High Court permission for someone to deliberately end his life without prosecution those in the anti euthanasia movement, held their collective breaths.

Such a decision would have meant that it would be applied to others – in other words, it could have opened the euthanasia flood gates without even the parliament having a say.

So far the British parliament has rejected moves to achieve this.

The Nicholson case received huge and sympathetic media coverage with ample footage on T.V. of a disappointed and distressed Tony Nicholson. He failed to understand that a decision to allow him to be killed because of his disability would have had a deleterious effect upon many others in a similar situation who could have succumbed to the principle of the life not worthy to be lived also. So many would feel they had a duty to get out of the way to cease being a burden on their families.

Ironically on 22nd August, 2012, Tony Nicholson died of natural causes we are told.

### Fiji

#### Fiji rejects proposal for assisted suicide clinic

[ref:radioaustralia.net.au/international/2012-08-27]

Fiji's government has turned down a proposal by an Australian euthanasia advocate to set up an assisted suicide clinic there.

Dr Nischke previously said the clinic could be a considerable source of revenue for Fiji if it went ahead.

The government says the proposal was never seriously considered.

Fiji's Methodist Church has welcomed the decision. The church's deputy general-secretary, the Reverend Tevita Banivanua, says Fijian Christians would never have supported it.

"We agree with the government, that they have taken the right steps," he said. "Maybe we are not like people in Europe that have given freedom for ending life in that way."

He says Fiji's Christians believe in leaving death to God.

"We are always pro life and whatever that means for each one of us is different. Anything that would help prolong life and to leave it to God to end life that is our position," he told Radio Australia's Pacific Beat program. (www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacbeat/)