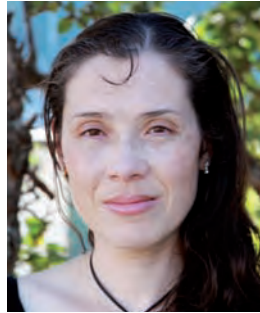


## New Frontiers in Repressing Dissent

Mishka Gora, Mercator.net 11/3/13  
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Tasmanians learned on Friday, International Women's Day, that abortion is to be decriminalized. This left many confused. Some took it to mean that abortion is currently illegal; others wondered if the State Government had somehow "lost" the amendments to the criminal code that legalized abortion, at any stage of gestation, in 2001.



Abortion has effectively been legal in Australian states for more than 40 years, although it has remained in the criminal code. The number of prosecutions in all that time can be counted on one hand. So why the sudden enthusiasm for decriminalization?

Because the real aim of the Labor-Green coalition which is running Tasmania is to criminalize abortion dissent. With only two weeks for the public to respond, the Health Minister, Michelle O'Byrne, has drafted what may be most draconian abortion law anywhere.

The neighbouring state of Victoria decriminalized abortion in 2008. Ms O'Byrne says that this is the model for her bill. But the Victorian bill contains no penalties for conscientious objectors; the Tasmanian bill does. The Victorian bill doesn't mention counsellors; the Tasmanian bill threatens counsellors with jail. The Victorian bill doesn't mention protests; the Tasmanian bill threatens protesters with jail.

If this bill passes, a part-time volunteer counsellor for an organization supporting pregnant women could be jailed for a year and fined up to A\$65,000 if she refuses to refer a woman to a place where she can get an abortion. The bill's definition of a counsellor includes anyone who gives "advice or information relating to pregnancy options" and "whether or not for fee or reward". Overnight, all agencies which disagree with abortion will be forced to shut down.

Medical practitioners will be obliged under threat of a \$65,000 fine to make referrals if they have a conscientious objection. To anyone who believes that an unborn child has a right to life making a referral means cooperating with evil. The proposed laws are coercing participation in the overall process of abortion procurement.

Nurses who refuse to participate in abortions could be fined \$65,000.

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## A Big Thank You

To all our supporters who have been so generous to us in our recent appeal to help us to get back on our feet. So far, over \$100,000 has been raised.

Thanks a million! God bless you all.

Margaret Tighe and the  
Right to Life Australia Committee members

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## 80 Rally Against Abortion Changes

The Examiner, 20/3/13



Anti-abortion campaigners hold a silent rally outside the offices of Health Minister Michelle O'Byrne in Launceston yesterday. Picture: SCOTT GELSTON

ABOUT 80 people lined the footpath in front of Health Minister Michelle O'Byrne's office yesterday, in a silent protest against proposed abortion laws.

The crowd, which was predominately female and represented most age groups, quietly held placards and model foetuses for half an hour.

Organiser Elizabeth Heckscher, of Newstead, said she was surprised by the turnout, having only expected 20 people to show up.

She said she felt compelled to fight proposed abortion legislation, as she thought it disregarded a baby's right to life.

Under the proposed Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013, a medical practitioner can terminate the pregnancy of a woman who is no more than 24 weeks pregnant. After 24 weeks, a termination is allowed if two doctors certify that it would be a lesser risk to the woman's mental or physical health than continuing the pregnancy.

Ms O'Byrne said she recognised that people on all sides of the issue had strong views, and she respected their right to make those views known.

## Euthanasia Juggernaut

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The right to peaceful protest will also be shut down. The bill imposes a 300-metre-wide exclusion zone around abortion clinics. The maximum penalty is 12 months in jail and a \$65,000 fine.

In the heart of the Hobart CBD a dingy, anonymous-looking building houses an abortion clinic. The exclusion zone incorporates not only four major thoroughfares (where protests and parades have traditionally taken place) but also Hobart's busiest Catholic church and the Anglican cathedral. A priest preaching against abortion in his own church, or participants in a prayer vigil, or someone wearing a pro-life T-shirt while walking through the city, or a photographer taking candid shots of street life could all be arrested. In Launceston, the other major city in Tasmania, the exclusion zone includes part of a Catholic hospital and a major park.

To make matters worse, the prohibited activity includes intimidating, protesting or photographing, and "any other prescribed [sic] behaviour". The sloppy wording, in combination with an open-ended section on regulations, could be used to punish innocent activity.

The Health Minister has been quite disingenuous about the scope and purpose of her bill in her statements to the media. She has mentioned none of these tyrannical measures and has given the public a mere two weeks to respond to one of the most far-reaching pieces of abortion legislation ever proposed anywhere.

What about doctors and nurses?

Although not required to perform abortions in normal circumstances, doctors and nurses are placed under a "duty to treat" if a pregnant woman is deemed to be at risk of serious injury. This means that doctors who believe it is best to treat the symptoms arising from pregnancy or to terminate the pregnancy via caesarean section or induction rather than an abortion would be forced to directly destroy a human embryo or foetus against their conscience and better judgment. It also means that Catholic hospitals will be required to offer abortion as a treatment option.

Sloppy drafting in the bill creates a range of potential problems. It extends the time that an abortion may be procured without specialist consultation to 24 weeks. This means that surgical abortions will not require a surgeon, thus decreasing the safety of the procedure.

The section protecting medical practitioners could, furthermore, be interpreted to allow abortions against a woman's consent if it is deemed "for the woman's benefit". Termination has been so vaguely defined that the medical procedures of induction and caesarean section are included, potentially making elective caesareans technically illegal.

The removal of Section 165 of the criminal code (which applies to circumstances other than abortion) opens a can of worms. It removes the protection for anyone (other than doctors) administering first aid to a pregnant woman in good faith; it abolishes the reduced charge

of infanticide for women suffering from post-natal depression; and it replaces the words "death of a child before birth" with the dehumanising euphemism "pregnancy termination", even though the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1999 requires notification of stillborn children (which includes an aborted foetus after 20 weeks) and their cause of death.

The spectre of "backyard abortions" has also been raised. The bill specifies that a woman who performs an abortion on herself is not guilty of a crime or any other offence. This means that abortions outside of the requirements laid down in the Reproductive Health Act, ie, unlawful abortions, will nevertheless be lawful for women self-administering an abortion, even though they may have no medical qualifications.

This inconsistency, deeming anyone who performs an abortion other than a doctor guilty of a criminal offence except if that person happens to be the pregnant mother, creates a dangerous temptation for desperate pregnant women and sets an alarming precedent.

The reasons behind this new legislation are also worrying. It is clearly aimed at allowing terminations on grounds that are not apparent prior to 12 weeks. Indeed, the Health Minister cited genetic abnormalities at the 20-week mark as a motivation for the change. This is blatant discrimination, and it sends the message that discrimination on such grounds as gender or disability is socially and legally acceptable. An accompanying information paper also blurs the distinction between abortion and contraception, extending the right of choosing when to reproduce (or not) to include abortion (which unlike contraception takes place after reproduction has occurred).

Tasmanian legislators are being offered a choice between abortion at any stage and abortion at any stage plus criminalizing dissent. The minister wants to make abortion a health matter, not a criminal matter. But she wants to achieve this at the expense of freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, and common sense. After all, if it is a crime to perform an abortion without medical qualifications or a woman's consent, shouldn't it be in the criminal code? The law as it stands is quite sufficient, and to alter it is nothing less than tyrannical.

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Hobart's CBD abortion clinic

## Tasmanians, sign this epetition against late abortions:

<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/EPetitions/House/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=42&Index=1>

 House of Assembly E-Petitions

<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p><b>About E-Petitions</b></p> <p><b>Current E-Petitions</b></p> <p><b>Closed E-Petitions</b></p> <p><b>E-Petition Review Panel</b></p> <p><b>Information Brochure</b></p> <p><b>Conditions of Use</b></p> <p><b>Rules</b></p> <p><b>Policy Statement</b></p> <p><b>Parliament Home</b></p>	<p><b>CURRENT E-PETITION</b></p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Late-term Abortion</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Tasmanian Citizens</p> <p><b>Sponsoring Member:</b> Senator Patricia Gill</p> <p><b>Principal Petitioner:</b> Amanda-Jane Robinson</p> <p><b>Number of Signatures:</b> 2388</p> <p><b>Posting Date:</b> 26/04/2012</p> <p><b>Closing Date:</b> 10/06/2012</p> <p><b>Can you verify sign this E-Petition?</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Read the full E-Petition</b></p> <p><b>To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly</b></p> <p>(Amanda-Jane Robinson draws to the attention of the House that the Minister for Children intends to propose for 1989-term abortion in Tasmania, which is totally unacceptable.</p> <p>Your petition seeks the following result: I demand that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Recognise the dignity and humanity of unborn babies; understanding that increasing the age which unborn babies can be aborted is inhumane, inhumane and against the wishes of a majority of Tasmanians with 72% support. (Signed 101 February 2012)</li> <li>(2) Reject the registration of late-term abortions for any reason other than the extreme physicality of a woman's life.</li> <li>(3) Reject the proposed expansion from the Minister for Children for late-term abortion.</li> <li>(4) Proposed measures which provide more support for pregnant women from all social circumstances that recognise the value and life of unborn babies.</li> </ol>
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## Letter from the President



The purveyors of death are alive and well in our country. Tasmania leads the charge with an horrendous abortion bill which like Victoria's will allow abortion up until birth!

But even worse than Victoria it will prevent any form of protest against abortion facilities and seeks to impose fines or jail on health professionals e.g. doctors, nurses and counsellors who refuse to help a women procure an abortion. ( See page 2)

On the euthanasia front we are faced with bills up for debate in South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and the Senate (see page 6)

These must be defeated or God help us all! Please follow the instructions on our enclosed Legislative Alerts.

In life

Margaret Tighe

## Bill aims to stop Medicare Funding for Abortions Procured on the Basis of Gender Selection

BY: DENNIS SHANAHAN

From: The Australian, February 27, 2013

VICTORIAN DLP senator John Madigan is forcing abortion on to the political agenda ahead of the federal election with plans for a bill to ban Medicare-funded abortions for sex selection.

Senator Madigan is introducing a motion in the Senate today aimed at stopping the public funding of abortions that are used purely to select boys or girls.

The sole Democratic Labor party Senator, who is not up for re-election this year, is determined to force the major parties to address the abortion issue in the run-up to the September poll and get Labor and Coalition senators and M.P.'s to vote on his proposed bill.

"The bill aims to stop Medicare funding for abortions procured on the basis of gender selection," Senator Madigan told the Australian yesterday.

"We might not like to think that this happens in Australia, but parents can and do pick the gender of their child to fit their lifestyle, and do abort a child of the unwanted sex. This is horrifying. Children are being viewed as accessories, which is simply not right. You don't paint the nursery than pick the sex of the child."

Senator Madigan, citing the case of a Victorian couple who aborted twin boys because they already had three sons and wanted a daughter, said, abortion for sex-selection was widespread overseas and there needed to be more detailed reporting of abortion figures. In 2011 the Victorian Administrative Tribunal ruled the couple who had the two boys aborted could not use IVF for sex-selection.

## Well Done

### Senator John Madigan

Victorian Senator John Madigan (DLP) has had the courage to introduce a bill to curtail government funding through Medicare of certain types of abortion, called the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) bill 2013. You should write to encourage him. In taking this action Senator Madigan has primarily focussed on sex-selection abortions. The bill has been referred to a Senate Committee. Submissions should be sent to it online by 24th April 2013, [fpa.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fpa.sen@aph.gov.au). Otherwise write to the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration, PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.



## Is this good news?

As Victorians will be aware we now have a new Premier Dr Denis Naphthine, member for South-West Coast.

The retiring Premier, Ted Baillieu, voted for the infamous Abortion Law Reform Act 2008. Dr Naphthine voted against it.

During the flurry over the resignation of Ted Baillieu, it was revealed that Frankston M.P. Geoff Shaw had pressured Baillieu and then Naphthine over the disgraceful Victorian abortion situation demanding action if they wanted to secure his vote, now he was an independent M.P.

Good on Geoff Shaw!

**Now it is up to us to work hard on our State M.P.'s and demand action in changing this appalling legislation. For a start, write to Premier Dr Denis Naphthine and Attorney-General Robert Clark asking for a stop to the State sanctioned killing of unborn children – up to birth!**  
Address letters to Parliament House, Spring St. Melbourne 3000.

## Doctor who gave 55 women hepatitis C jailed

[News.ninemsn.com.au](http://News.ninemsn.com.au), 7/3/13

A drug-addicted Melbourne anaesthetist who infected more than 50 women with hepatitis C will spend at least a decade in jail.

James Latham Peters, 63, gave the communicable disease to 55 women in 2008 and 2009, while working at a Croydon abortion clinic.

The Victorian Supreme Court heard Peters, who has hepatitis C, would inject himself with the opiate fentanyl before using the same needles on women. He pleaded guilty to 55 counts of negligently causing serious injury. Justice Terry Forrest sentenced him on Thursday to 14 years in prison, with a non-parole period of 10 years. Justice Forrest said Peters' addiction had damaged the lives of many women.

## The 2013 WA Election

Western Australians voted on 9 March, 2013. The preceding campaign was as dull and trivial as usual, the two leaders arguing about their rival plans for new railway lines, a new football oval, and other schemes to dazzle the voters by spending public money. Momentary relief from these frivolities was provided by the Australian Christian Lobby, which persuaded both leaders to turn up in person at a suburban Baptist church on a weekday evening to answer questions from the floor. But when questioned about babies born alive in abortion procedures, both leaders showed their form by pretending not to know information which had been made public over the past year in answers to questions in Parliament.

But at least over euthanasia the voters had a clear choice: the premier had said that he was opposed to any change in the law, while the Labor leader undertook to introduce a euthanasia bill if he won.

Both leaders also pretended to believe that the vote would be close, even though the opinion polls indicated otherwise. The polls turned out to be right: there was a sharp swing to the Liberals and Nationals, who finished up with almost twice as many lower house seats as Labor's 21 (and of those 21, three were held by very narrow margins, including Labor pro-life member Michelle Roberts's seat of Midland).

It was a bad day for the minor parties. Small Christian parties Australian Christians (formerly Christian Democratic Party) and Family First polled a lot lower than in the previous election, and there seems to have been no seat in which their preferences affected the outcome. But the Greens party also polled badly, losing their only lower house seat and two of their four seats in the upper house.

That's the good news. The bad news is that one of their two survivors in the upper house was Robin Chapple, a tireless introducer of euthanasia bills, who will probably do it again.

Dr Ted Watt

## Silver Circle

### Here are the winners for Feb 2013

1st Mr Thom Hoey, Watsonia VIC  
2nd Mrs Kathleen Gleeson, Camperdown

### Here are the winners for March 2013

1st Mr Paul Ashton of Nunawading  
2nd Sr Margaret Galvin of Parkville

To join, contact Christine Wong -  
[christine.wong@goodshp.com.au](mailto:christine.wong@goodshp.com.au)

## March for the Babies

**Saturday 12 Oct 2013 at 1p.m.**  
**Treasury Gardens, Melbourne**

[marchforthebabies.org.au](http://marchforthebabies.org.au)

## The Human Plague - what do Greens really stand for?

David Attenborough, maker of endless nature programs for TV, said in January that the human species is a 'plague on the earth'. We should be grateful to him for this offensive pontification - we could hardly ask for a more representative statement of what we may call the hard green world-view: trees, whales, seals, polar bears, Galapagos tortoises, and small furry marsupials are valuable and in need of protection, but humans - the only possible source of protection for these other valuable creatures - are a plague on the earth.

Then there are what we may call 'fuzzy greens', far more numerous, who think that in supporting green campaigns and voting for green politicians they are doing no more than helping to protect trees, small marsupials, etc. Many fuzzy greens know nothing of the darker anti-human agenda at the heart of the green movement, and some of them would be appalled if they did know.

Many fuzzy greens believe what they are still constantly being told about a human 'population explosion', and simply don't know that human birthrates, not just in the West but in every part of the world, have fallen, not risen, over the past half-century - population increase over that period has been due to people living longer, not to people having more babies than in the previous half-century. And fuzzy greens often don't know that the Russian and Japanese populations are already falling, and that on current trends world population will be in decline before 2050.

But it is the hard green, anti-human fanatics who get elected to parliaments and who tirelessly promote the hard green agenda. They are the people who in Tasmania have managed to put forward an abortion bill even more extreme than the law in Victoria, threatening criminal penalties for any doctor or nurse who refuses either to kill children to find someone else to kill them, or for anyone who holds a placard outside an abortion shop.

And it is the same Greens party fanatics, associated with like-minded fanatics in other parties, who are tirelessly promoting euthanasia and assisted-suicide bills in NSW, South Australia, Tasmania, and in federal parliament. All these bills, they keep telling us, provide 'strict safeguards' - but of course they don't. No-one has yet managed, anywhere in the world, to draft a euthanasia or assisted-suicide law which would not threaten the lives of people who are not terminally ill, or not ill at all, people who are socially isolated, people who are depressed, people who feel that they are a burden to their families, troubled adolescents - the list of unprotected victims is endless.

We pro-life people all have friends and neighbours who are fuzzy greens. We should be constantly trying to detach them from their allegiance to the Greens party by reminding them of what the hard green agenda is, and how appalling it is. Support for the Greens party may have passed its peak - the party polled very badly, and lost more than half the seats it held, in the WA election this month, and we hope (and we should be working) for something similar in the forthcoming federal election.

Dr Ted Watt

## New Pope Francis Called Abortion the “Death Penalty for the Unborn”

by Steven Ertelt | The Vatican | LifeNews.com | 3/13/13

The archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, has been selected to become the next Pope, leading the Catholic Church. Like his predecessors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II, he is a staunch pro-life advocate when it comes to abortion.

Last year, then-Cardinal Bergoglio stated, “Abortion is never a solution. We listen, support and understanding from our place to save two lives:

respect the human being small and helpless, they can take steps to preserve your life, allow birth and then be creative in the search for ways to bring it to its full development.”

He once called abortion a “death sentence” for unborn children, during a 2007 speech and likening opposition to abortion to opposition to the death penalty.

The new pontiff also denounced euthanasia and assisted suicide, calling it a “culture of discarding” the elderly.



## Good News for Bendigo Babies

The news about the difficulty of obtaining an abortion in Bendigo is nothing but good news for the mothers and babies of Bendigo.

Because we live in an age where abortion is so freely available and legal up till birth in Victoria, many more women will be likely to fall victim to the current abortion culture.

I have never forgotten the letter published in the British Medical Journal in 1976 from a London G.P. The U.K. had legalised abortion in 1968. The doctor wrote that, at the time, he agreed with the U.K. Abortion Act because it only made legal what had already been going on illegally by unscrupulous doctors.

But, he added that after experiencing the new law in action for some eight years, he had noticed women patients requesting abortions who once would have never contemplated it. He had come to the sad conclusion that the Abortion Act had affected their consciences. How right he was.

The courageous doctors who are not willing to provide abortion services in Bendigo deserve praise. Counselling and assistance to the women who believe they can't cope with a baby is what should be offered instead. Let's not forget adoption is a loving alternative especially as one considers that the green light has been given in Victoria to import donor eggs from the U.S. for infertile women for \$19 000. In other words, babies for sale!

Margaret Tighe

## The Good News

Abortions not performed in Bendigo for more than a year

By Jill Stark Senior writer for the Sunday Age 17/3/13



Bendigo Health Hospital. Photo: Nicole Emanuel

“Bendigo’s abortion clinic has been effectively shut for more than a year because doctors are refusing to offer terminations.

“Women in the state’s north-west have been denied local access to publicly funded abortions since the only clinician willing to perform the procedure quit Bendigo Health’s Choices clinic early last year. The hospital has tried to recruit a new obstetrician or gynaecologist, but each doctor has turned down the role because they are “conscientious objectors”.

“Women can access counselling and information at the clinic but are being forced to travel to the Royal Women’s Hospital in Melbourne for abortions.

“A pro-life group protests outside the Choices clinic every Friday, and concerned health professionals say the pressure is discouraging doctors from accepting the position at the hospital.”

## Hospitals Clamp Down on Abortions

By Jill Stark Senior writer for the Sunday Age 24/3/13

“Vulnerable women seeking late-term abortions are being turned away from hospitals because doctors are refusing to perform the procedure unless the foetus has a genetic abnormality.

“Women’s rights campaigners say that five years after Victoria decriminalised abortion, access to late-stage terminations for the most vulnerable patients - including rape victims and the intellectually disabled - has never been more restricted.

“They fear that with nowhere to go, distressed women are at increased risk of self-harm or resorting to backyard abortions.

“A private Melbourne clinic, which was the only facility in Australia performing terminations post 24 weeks for “psychosocial” reasons, stopped offering the procedure more than a year ago.”

## The Bad News

An article in the Sunday Age 23/3/13 tells of difficulties for couples wanting babies using surrogates. It features two men who are raising two little girls. To have finally reached their goal, using an Indian surrogate woman, one of them has fathered twin boys who both died in infancy and then proceeded to agree to selective reduction of a multiple pregnancy because Indian doctors implant multiple embryos in order to achieve a pregnancy and if too many start to grow, they are “reduced.” This practice occurs in Australia also.

Meanwhile we have unborn babies for burning! God help us!

Margaret Tighe

## The Euthanasia Juggernaut

In South Australia, the debate continues on Bob Such's bill on 11th April 2013. He called it, "Ending Life With Dignity Bill 2013." What struck me most was the clause that, BEFORE a person requests euthanasia, two medical practitioners are to inform the person of "the proposed voluntary euthanasia procedure, risks associated with the procedure and feasible alternatives to the procedure." Presumably feasible alternatives are pain relief, treatments, support and palliative care.

Tasmania had a discussion paper on "Voluntary Assisted Dying" which allows a doctor or another person to assist a person to commit suicide. This is a prelude to legislation.

In NSW, Greens M.P. Cate Faehrmann is touring the State with guest Dr Nitschke, holding forums about her "Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill." She is asking for stories that will support her case.

So we must be ever vigilant and lobby our representatives, to vote for care not killing. Every member needs to visit, write, phone or email their Parliamentary representatives and ask them to represent you, in this life or death issue.

Dr Katrina Haller



## Suicide deaths rise in Australia after promotion of illegal drugs

from Bioedge, by Xavier Symons, 16/3/13

More and more Australians are importing the illegal lethal drug pentobarbitone from overseas as a way of committing suicide. According to The Australian, Customs intercepted 76 small shipments of pentobarbitone products such as Nembutal in 2011-12, compared with only 25 two years ago.

This seems to correlate with deaths from pentobarbitone. In 2010, 13 pentobarbitone deaths were reported; in 2011 the figure rose to 30, with a further seven cases still under investigation.

Nembutal has received quite a bit of publicity as a result of promotion by euthanasia activist Dr Philip Nitschke. He travels around Australia and overseas giving workshops on effective ways to commit suicide. One feature of the workshops is ways to make and to import Nembutal.

Customs has been cracking down on the imports. In 2012, the number of deaths fell to 17 with a further four still being investigated.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency is investigating two complaints against Dr Nitschke, one for facilitating the supply of an illegal drug and the other for marketing nitrogen gas cylinders for committing suicide.

**ACTION** Write to the Federal Minister for Customs and Minister for Home Affairs Jason Clare. to Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

## Scientists discover children's cells living in mothers' brains

Amazing scientific evidence is being revealed in a new field of enquiry showing interconnectedness between the mother and the baby in the womb. These profound psychological and physical bonds shared by the mother and her child begin during gestation.

These involve microchimeric cells similar to stem cells in that they are able to become a variety of different tissues and may aid in tissue repair. Indications are that they influence the immune system to accept the pregnancy. The study is relevant to mutations in tumour formations, multiple sclerosis and alzheimer's disease. Women may have microchimeric cells from both mother and their own pregnancies with competition from grandmother's cells too. They circulate in the blood and are embedded in the brain of mother and child in the womb. They take up residence in many body organs- lungs, thyroid, muscle, heart, kidneys and skin.

Mothers who have aborted their babies intentionally are haunted with regrets, particularly at the closing of their lives. For mothers who have miscarried, inexplicably, although they grieve their loss, their memory patterns of every pregnancy are stored in the mother's brain.

Reference *Scientific American* 4 December 2012 by Robert Martone  
See the report: <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=scientists-discover-childrens-cells-living-in-mothers-brain>

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## Farewell Doris Rossi

We are very sad to see Doris Rossi leave after more than 11 years at The Right to Life Australia.



Dr Katrina Haller and Doris Rossi at her farewell.

You may know her from her charming telephone manner. We have appreciated her hard work and dedication - she often stayed late to complete tasks and assisted at evening and weekend events. We wish her the very best with her health and future.

Margaret Tighe and The Right to Life Australia Committee

## Richard McGlade R.I.P.

Richard (known as Dick) McGlade has died recently at the age of 96. Dick was one of the most outstanding volunteers we have been fortunate to have had over the years.

Dick was a retired high school Headmaster, father of six, who visited our office weekly, to help with mailouts, opening the mail and writing for us. Dick volunteered for The Right to Life Australia for 15 years. Our sympathy goes to his family.

## Queensland Walk for Little Feet 2013

After 21 consecutive years of Walks for Little Feet in Brisbane, we missed last year.

But we will be having a Walk again this year. It will be held on Saturday 18 May and will start at 11.00am from outside the Greenslopes abortion "clinic".

Full details will be sent out soon to all supporters. Please plan to join us on the day.

Contact [prestons@prestonlife.com](mailto:prestons@prestonlife.com)

Thanks,  
Graham



## Life Walk 2013 – Melbourne

Walk, run, bring your dog or cycle to raise money for Human Rights for the unborn. Mid-year. More details soon.

## Heartbeat Ball



Mary Hart receiving her Certificate of Appreciation from Lucia Doyle, Co-Ordinator of Pregnancy Counselling Australia, at the Heartbeat Ball, on 16th February 2013 at the Elizabethan Lodge in Blackburn. Mary Hart has been Volunteer Roster

Co-ordinator for Pregnancy Counselling Australia and has done an excellent job, which can be very challenging especially in the December and January months. The counselling service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. She filled in many gaps herself with good grace and a "no problem" attitude if her regulars were on holiday. Meloney Schuling organised the Ball to support the work of Pregnancy Counselling Australia. Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and many danced the night away. Many thanks to John Canavan who entertained us all with an hilarious auction of donated goods, which raised more than \$2000. This will be used to make the interview rooms sound proof so that the mothers and counsellors can speak comfortably in privacy.

## Uni Club Expands

Lifechoice and Rosie Lewis, The Australian, 21/11/12

A controversial anti-abortion movement has notched up its third campus less than six months after it began at the University of Sydney. Lifechoice Macquarie, which shares the same name and branding as clubs at Sydney and the University of NSW, was endorsed by its student union this month. Affiliation with the Macquarie University Student Representative Association means the club could receive up to \$6000 in student union funding each year. Rebecca Elias, the head of the original Lifechoice group, which was launched in Sydney in June, says the movement has grown beyond expectations.

"We certainly weren't expecting to have three Lifechoices by the end of the year. I thought people were interested in the topic, but we couldn't have predicted that the other Unis would come and join the fun." Ms Elias said.

[www.lifechoice.org.au](http://www.lifechoice.org.au)



## Switzerland

### Swiss bid to ban abortion for economy

From: AAP, 27/2/13

SWISS pro-lifers have launched an initiative to ban abortions in the country for economic reasons, saying the practice costs hundreds of billions in lost tax revenues.

The "Protect life to remedy the loss of billions" initiative was launched by an independent group which needs to gather more than 100,000 signatures by August 2014 for the issue to be put to a referendum.

It charges that Switzerland's about 11,000 abortions each year deprive the country's economy of hundreds of billions in lost income taxes and consumption.

"Each unconceived and unborn child will never be able to contribute a single franc to our national income, will never become a consumer, will never be able to contribute to our social institutions," it says on its website.

It calculates that if the more than 100,000 fetuses aborted in Switzerland over the past decade had been born, grown up and worked for 45 years, they would have contributed nearly 334 billion Swiss francs (\$A350.64 billion) to the country's GDP.

And, as consumers, the same 100,000 people would over 80 years pump more than 324 billion Swiss francs into the country's economy, it says.

## U.K.

### SPUC attacks hypocrisy of IVF pioneer over eugenics warning

Scotsman, 18/3/13 The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has attacked as hypocritical comments by Professor Lord Robert Winston warning about eugenics. Lord Winston was due to say in a lecture that people should be "on guard against" a resurgence of eugenics due to outdated controls on reproductive technology. John Smeaton, SPUC director, said, "Dr Robert Winston is the prophet of the reproductive technology industry and what he does is sound a very hypocritical note and tone of alarm about such developments and then we find a few months later he says there's nothing to worry about. He positions himself as a responsible scientist, then, at the same time, he is a champion of the reproductive industry with its 'create and discard' attitude to human life. For every birth using IVF, 23 fetuses are rejected, discarded or used in experiments, those are totally unique human beings. This is part and parcel of the control scientist seek over human life, and I am not at all surprised by this development."

## U.S.A. North Dakota

ARGO, N.D 27/3/13 – Gov. Jack Dalrymple of North Dakota approved the nation's toughest abortion restrictions on Tuesday, signing into law a measure that would ban nearly all abortions and inviting a legal showdown over just how much states can limit access to the procedure.

Mr. Dalrymple, a Republican, signed three bills passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature in Bismarck. The most far-reaching law forbids abortion once a fetal heartbeat is "detectable," which can be as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. Fetal heartbeats are detectable at that stage of pregnancy using a transvaginal ultrasound.

... Without judicial intervention, the three bills are scheduled to take effect Aug. 1.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, in New York, immediately condemned the new laws and said it would file a challenge to the fetal heartbeat ban.

Mr. Dalrymple also affirmed a law to require doctors performing abortions to get admitting privileges at a local hospital, which could force the closing of the Red River clinic. He also signed a third law that would prevent abortion in cases of gender preference or – the first of its kind in the nation – genetic defects, like Down syndrome.

The signings come on top of a resolution approved by the North Dakota Legislature last week to amend the State Constitution to assert that life begins at conception, a move that would give a fetus the rights of a person and outlaw virtually all abortions. The so-called personhood measure, asserting that "the inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and defended," will go on the ballot next year. Similar measures to ban abortions when fetal heartbeats are detected are under consideration in several other states, including Kansas and Ohio.

... "Fetal heartbeats are generally detectable six weeks into pregnancy using a transvaginal ultrasound, and at 10 to 12 weeks with abdominal ultrasounds. . . . State Representative Bette Grande, a Republican who was the primary sponsor of the heartbeat bill, praised the governor's decision. "This is just a great day for babies in North Dakota," she said, expressing confidence that it would withstand the court challenges.

"The state has a compelling duty to find what is the potential life of a fetus," she said. "What is more compelling and proof of life than a heartbeat? It meets the criteria of Roe v. Wade."

John Eligon reported from Fargo, and Erik Eckholm from New York.

## U.S.A. Alabama

### Supreme Court: 'unborn children are persons with rights that should be protected by law'

BY JOHN-HENRY WESTEN

MONTGOMERY, AL, January 11, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – Today the Alabama Supreme Court held that the word "child" in Alabama's chemical endangerment statute applies to the born and unborn.

The case reached the Supreme Court on an appeal by Amanda Kimbrough who admitted to smoking meth three days before the premature birth of her son Timmy. Born at 25 weeks, Timmy survived only 19 minutes after birth and was found to have died from "acute methamphetamine intoxication."

The ruling states, "The decision of this Court today is in keeping with the widespread legal recognition that unborn children are persons with rights that should be protected by law."

"Today," the court added, "the only major area in which unborn children are denied legal protection is abortion, and that denial is only because of the dictates of Roe."

"Furthermore, the decision in the present cases is consistent with the Declaration of Rights in the Alabama Constitution, which states that 'all men are equally free and independent; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed the ruling in a statement. "The Court has ratified our argument that the public policy of our state is to protect life, both born and unborn," Strange said.

"It is a tremendous victory that the Alabama Supreme Court has affirmed the value of all life, including those of unborn children whose lives are among the most vulnerable of all."

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