

Letter from the President



Surprise! Surprise ! Sat 10/1/14 pro-abortion news "The Age" published a graphic description of the tragic forced abortion in China on Yu Rongfen at seven months of pregnancy.

It was heartbreaking to read of the trauma Yu suffered as she felt the kicking of her child within her, her baby boy,

gradually cease after the deadly injection administered by family planning officials.

Guards were used to restrain Yu's husband and brother. Imagine how they all felt and in particular the mother Yu. As she said "To kill a child, a healthy living baby - it is murder. He grew up in my tummy slowly, he was my very own child. I think about it very often, all the time"

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Are we in Australia so much better than the Chinese? We don't have forced abortions but we still kill babies in the womb up to birth! Your taxes pay for this!

– Margaret Tighe.

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PLEASE HOLD THE BANNER

Des Kelly is organising the Banner Holding at Parliament House Melbourne, this year, which is a silent protest at the carpark entrance on the days when Parliament is sitting. Des says, "Our presence to date has been very noticeable and, as this is an election year, we must keep the issue of abortion in the public forum as best we can. I do not anticipate any change in the nature of our presence this year- that is, silent and low-key. I am hopeful that we can get a wider group of volunteers."

"I attach the dates of Sittings for 2014. May I suggest that you pencil these dates on your Calendar so that they are kept in mind as the year progresses? If you are able to come on a particular day of the week, then this is a commitment of only two days per month. We commence our display at 8am and continue to 9.30am on any particular day. Also of note are the last days of sitting: at the end of October this year, because Parliament finishes early in anticipation of the Election on 29 November.

"PLEASE LET ME KNOW, IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO, (1) whether or not you are able to help us this year, (2) what day in any week that is most convenient for you (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday), and (3) how often you think you will be able to come. I hope to make it a practice to contact you in the week before any Parliamentary Sittings, as a reminder.

Des Kelly, 9561 3784, deskelly14@yahoo.com.au

Sitting Dates: February 4,5,6,18,19,20; March 11,12,13, 25,26,27; April 1,2,3; May 6,7,8, 27,28,29; June 10,11,12, 24,25,26; August 5,6,7,19,20,21; Sept 2,3,4,16,17,18; Oct 14,15,16.

Election Day: 29 Nov 2014

Zoe's Law – the pro-aborts are running scared!

God help the unborn! Even the most timid attempt to win some legislative recognition of a child in the womb – as in Zoe's law - has met with an avalanche of opposition to it on the part of the pro-abortion lobby, helped by the media.

It just goes to show what a fight we have on our hands in trying to win the freedom to be born for the hapless unborn whose lives are more at risk today than ever, even right up till birth!

As you have had it explained to you, Zoe's law is designed to recognise that injury to an unborn child in the womb, because of an assault on the mother, should be recognised equally, as a criminal assault on the child. Sadly, the legislation ensures that it cannot be applied to abortion because, as we all know, the mother has consented to the life ending assault upon the child.

The article in Fairfax media's Sunday Age (19/1/14), perhaps published elsewhere, featuring an academic lawyer and her child in an attack on Zoe's law, was just an engagement in semantic gymnastics. The writer used every trick in the book to try and draw some distinction between a wanted child in the womb and one that is unwanted and destined for abortion, as though they are two different animals!

One doesn't need legal arguments to convince us that, wanted or unwanted, the child in the womb is equally a member of the human family. We only need to use our eyes to tell us that!

P.S. Zoe's law has already passed the NSW Legislative Assembly. If you live in N.S.W. please write to the members of your Legislative Council (see enclosure).

Address all letters to Parliament House, Macquarie St. Sydney N.S.W. 2000

TRAIL BLAZERS FOR LIFE!

Fri-Sun 23-25 May 2014

Walk for the Right to be born 2014

Following the success of our Life Hike 2011 on the Great Ocean Walk, Victoria, we are holding our 2014 fundraising walk on the famous [Murray to Mountains Rail Trail](#), an old railway track which has been converted into a walk/cycle track.



The trail is located in North East Victoria and weaves through the picturesque towns of Myrtleford and Bright.

The event will be held Fri 23, Sat 24, and Sun 25 May 2014.

The first two days (Fri and Sat) will be walking on the Rail Trail (25km per day) and third day we travel to walk the [Indigo Gold Trail](#), which traverses old goldmining sites near Beechworth- an exciting combination of terrains. Even try gold panning...

Walking is ideal in May, being cool enough to walk long distances, we have spectacular surrounds with all the splendour of the autumn colours. Visit wineries/local markets and your journey will be complete!

Most importantly we need you to ask family/friends to sponsor you. We need you to commit to raising \$1000 in sponsorship, with prizes for most money raised and best endeavours.

Accommodation will be in cabins, similar to the Great Ocean Walk. Food requirements are being arranged.

Please call me at the office if you require more information. More details on our website soon. Mary Collier - Event Manager (03) 9385 0111



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



Harriet O'Farrell is President of LifeChoices at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

In December 2013, I attended the Australian Catholic Youth festival, with a particular interest in the events seeking to promote the culture of life. While most of the events were in some way directed towards positive cultural change, it was Anna Kohn's talk 'Choosing Life' that caught my attention. Anna's talk emphasised

human dignity from conception all the way through to natural death. She placed euthanasia and abortion in the context of many other issues that threaten human dignity throughout many different stages of development.

Anna discussed issues such as eugenics, cosmetic surgery, euthanasia, IVF and abortion whilst emphasising that life issues are not exclusive but are all linked. We looked at cultural trends and attitudes which result in many groups of our society becoming vulnerable. She noted that as a culture, we are striving towards a superficial perfection, perfection dictated to us by the media.

Throughout her speech, it became evident that abortion and euthanasia were products of a self-focused culture. In the all-consuming quest to lengthen our life span and to look younger for longer, we neglect the less fortunate in Australia including the many indigenous Australians who live in third world conditions, the homeless and the unborn. While striving for the perfect image, we tend to cast aside all that we deem to be imperfect or anything that may hinder us from achieving our picture perfect lifestyle. In the midst of such attitudes children are becoming not a gift but a product; something to obtain or dispose of at our own convenience. While the reasons women may have an abortion vary greatly, the general pro-choice arguments are rooted in this individualistic consumerism. The slogan 'My body, my choice' does not encapsulate the inherent dignity of the mother or the unborn child but rather reduces the child to a mere burden whose existence is an infringement upon the women's liberty.

Anna spoke of the great irony of IVF: in order to achieve the good of a new baby we are prepared to throw out or indefinitely freeze countless numbers of embryos. Anna spoke of the millions of frozen embryo's worldwide, and the fact that we are prepared to dispose of life in the very attempt to create it. Unfortunately, IVF contributes to the attitude that a child is a product - a dangerous concept. If a child is to be viewed as a product to be purchased then so too can we dispose of it when we are unsatisfied with what we have received. Furthermore, the embryos that are not used by the parents die because they are not a part of the product ordered by the parents.

Through attending the conference, I was able to see that issues such as abortion and euthanasia are merely products of an

attitude present in almost all facets of society. Therefore it is important to use a diverse range of methods to defend life. In the past I have felt at loss when thinking of a way to defend the unborn however Anna's talk demonstrated that being pro-life is so much more than just being anti-abortion as she stated "Being Pro-Life means being concerned about all issues from bullying to genocide".

- Harriet O'Farrell

WARRNAMBOOL VOTERS INCENSED - NAPHTHINE'S MORAL FAILURE

Warrnambool prolife voters are incensed at a video released (3/12/13) by the Premier Denis Naphthine, reinforcing the government's determination not to revisit the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008.

The Premier stated "Let me again be crystal clear about this: I have no intention what so ever of introducing or supporting legislation that would reduce a woman's right to choose... This issue was vigorously debated in the community and settled in the Parliament in 2008".

The video has incensed pro-lifers in his electorate who have reacted strongly to the message.

In the Warrnambool "Standard" 5/12/13 former Warrnambool mayor Frank McCarthy said the statement was a "moral failure". Mr McCarthy said "Denis Naphthine was a vet before he went into politics and in that job he would know about humane treatment of animals and birthing practices. Now I'm not comparing animal births and human births but what I am saying is that he should know the value of life".



Frank McCarthy

It is essential that you write to Premier Naphthine immediately. Tell him you want action in Parliament on the abortion issue.

As Frank McCarthy says "tell him that he needs to dust off his veterinary bag as that is where he will be going if he loses the election!"

- Mary Collier

Australia must ban sex-selective abortions

We congratulate Senator John Madigan for his "Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013" which will ban Medicare funding for abortion for sex-selection reasons, if it passes. Prenatal gendercide entrenches bias against females. As Mrs Prue Oldham asks, "Why are females targeted for abortion in Australia?" Please ask your Senators to vote for Madigan's Anti-gendercide Bill.

- Dr Katrina Haller

Aborting Responsibility



[This article is an abridged version of Puerile Politics, which was published on Mishka's blog, Eyes of the Mind, on 21/11/2013.]

The Tasmanian parliament has finally passed the **Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013** after a drawn-out committee process and numerous amendments. The original bill was highly flawed piece and raised serious concerns with regard to civil liberties and conscientious objection.

The revised legislation is an improvement, but it does not allay genuine (and reasonable) fears that it will be used to punish dissent more than than it will be used increase access to 'terminations'.

Doctors will remain complicit in the abortion process (if they obey the law). There will still be 300-metre-wide access zones with draconian penalties. Most importantly, from a moral perspective, it precludes women in Tasmania from ever being prosecuted for killing their unborn children while at the same time making protests near abortion clinics (including silent prayer vigils) a crime.

The nagging question at this time is how this could happen. I have a theory, but it doesn't have anything to do with women's rights, foetal development, or personhood. These are major discussion points, and the idea of women's rights exerts an incredible amount of pressure on us, but they have nothing to do with how some of us justify abortion.

I think our moral inconsistency about abortion is a result of our immaturity and fear of responsibility.

When we support (or fail to oppose) abortion, it isn't about the child. It's about our fear of being forced to grow up. When we think about an unplanned pregnancy we don't like the idea of 'forcing' someone to live with a situation for which they don't feel 'ready'. And this is something pro-lifers in particular need to understand. Pro-choicers are being compassionate – selectively compassionate, it is true, but compassionate nevertheless. They think about the mother (and sometimes the father) and say to themselves: ***How could I force someone to have a child when they're not ready? I'm not ready. I wouldn't want a child right now. How could I do this to them?***

Of course, this is a childish way of thinking, but we all do it. The positive aspect is that we're putting ourselves in another person's shoes. The negative is that we're being uncharitable and assuming they're incapable of handling the situation. Realistically, we're all capable of taking care of a child, especially if it's our own and we have several months to prepare. History

shows us that we're capable of this even in the worst of circumstances.

It's our immaturity that makes abortion an option. It doesn't matter when we think the unborn child becomes a person because we're not actually thinking about the unborn child. We're thinking about ourselves and how this unexpected event will ruin all our plans. We have become control freaks who can't cope with the vagaries of life. Children are no longer considered a fact of life but an inconvenient burden. We resent anything that reminds us that we're not in control.

We will continue to see abortion as an option until we grow up and accept that when a woman falls pregnant her body is merely doing what it's designed to do. We can try to put it off by aborting the child, but we're only fooling ourselves. We can have another child later when we're 'ready' but it won't be the same child, it'll be another one. The aborted child is a unique individual who will never see the light of day. The child we have later, when we're 'ready', will have a different DNA and a different personality. It will be a different person.

I'm not suggesting that every pregnancy must be greeted with delight, but we certainly need to cultivate a positive attitude towards our offspring, whether planned or not. There's never a perfect time for having a child. None of us, even the ones trying to have a child, keep our schedules free in anticipation of a child. Few of us ever get to the point where we feel 'ready' for the sacrifice entailed in having children. But a mature adult can handle the unplanned in a responsible manner. A grown-up accepts the challenges of life and takes them on. Abortion is just one form of avoidance. It's our way of pretending the unexpected never happened. But it did. And that unexpected 'thing' was a child of one's own flesh and blood.

So it's time we behaved like adults, but that entails so much more than just taking responsibility. We also need to assign responsibility. In the context of Tasmania's abortion legislation, that means talking less about women's rights and more about parental responsibility. It means treating women as adults with moral agency and seeing them as capable. Women are not helpless frail creatures who are so pitifully incompetent that they can't carry a child to term and must be protected from criticism, not to mention the truth that abortion is homicide. And it means recognising that no one, not even an emotional and 'desperate' mother, has the right to kill her child.



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***The Right to Life Australia
161A Donald St. Brunswick East 3057***

RIGHT TO LIFE CAMPAIGN IN TASMANIA 2013

"Although we are based in Melbourne when we saw the horrendous nature of the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013, about to be inflicted on Tasmania's unborn, we knew we had to do our utmost to oppose it". Margaret Tighe

The following is account of our campaign by Mary Collier: The campaign against Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013 was one of our strongest campaigns during 2013. Rep Bette Grande (prolife legislator in the State of North Dakota, USA) was visiting Australia on behalf of Right to Life Australia at the time that the Legislative Council was in Committee stage of debate. We arranged for Bette to give a presentation to politicians and the public at Parliament House in Tasmania. Bette also met politicians individually.

We published a number of advertisements in the Mercury and Launceston Examiner newspapers. One advertisement was refused because we listed the mobile numbers of politicians, however, we showed them that they had already published our advertisement a few months earlier with the mobile numbers printed. Indeed their mobile phone number was already on the Parliament of Tasmania website. It was then printed! The advertisement asked the public to phone their MP to express their views and ask him/her to vote NO!

Newspaper advertising is expensive-a half page colour advertisement in the Mercury costs \$988.00. One advertisement showed a photo of a baby in his father's arms with the caption: "This baby is protected by law, unlike the unborn who have no protection due to legalised abortion". We also placed advertisements in local newspapers if the MP was pro-abortion. Local supporters assisted us on identifying MPs to lobby. During the debate in Legislative Council we emailed individual MLCs to offer information that could assist, including asking Bette Grande, (now back in USA) to email them.

President of RTLA Margaret Tighe sent information to MPs including evidence of an increase in late term abortions in Victoria which have resulted from the Abortion Law Reform (ALRA 2008) and informed them that we lobbied in 9 marginal electorates where members voted for the ALRA 2008, in the last state Vic election 2010, and 7 out of 9 MPs lost their seats.

Tragically the bill passed both houses of Parliament, so now Tasmanians will be able to have their babies aborted up until birth, we will not be allowed to protest outside abortuaries and doctors and health professionals are compelled to help women access abortion. Truly- the blackest day in Tasmania since the Port Arthur massacre.

Erratum

In the Pregnancy Counselling Australia brochure in the last RTLA News, page 2 should have been page 3 and page 3 should have been page 2. Also there was no line between Tahlia Carcarello's photo and quote, and the next article. We clarify that all articles in the brochure were written by Lucia Doyle and apologise for the incorrect positions of pages 2 and 3.

RUTH FORREST MLC- PROUD OF "WATER BIRTH TERMINATION"

Pro- abortion MP Ruth Forrest MLC, Independent Member for Murchison described her role in a "water birth termination" during the abortion debate in the Legislative Council in Tasmania in November 2013.

The passing of this Act, the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013 now gives Tasmania the most extreme pro-abortion laws in the Western World.

Addressing the Legislative Council on 19 November 2014 in Tasmania, Ms Forrest (previously a midwife) was talking about a pregnant friend who was making a decision about having a termination. Ms Forrest addressed Parliament and said "It was the most difficult and toughest decision she (the woman) has ever made. This was a desperately wanted baby and she was faced with the most difficult decision of her whole life. She had one baby already 10 years older but I have photos of this beautiful water birth, holding this little baby in her hands and smiling. She was happy that she birthed her baby the way she wanted to".

It is inconceivable to think of what this "terminology" means, having never heard it described before. Try and google it.

In support of Ms Forrest MLC, Mr Tony Mulder MLC, Member for Rumney then stated his respect for Ms Forrest in participating and assisting in these terminations and what a fine example she had outlined for the Parliament! <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ParliamentSearch/isysquery/eca4f4a9-c5bd-41d8-927b-fbdd598d5dd5/7/doc/c19november3.htm>.

Abortion euphemisms are now extended to horrendous levels! Kill your baby by delivering it into water. Talk yourself into thinking you are "birthing the baby". Is this simple infanticide or just plain murder? Write to your Premier and ask for an explanation about what this means. Express your horror at the euphemism used to terminate the unborn baby. Is he/ she alive when delivered by a water bath. Is he/she killed and then delivered into a water bath. We have no answers...yet.

- Mary Collier

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS For October 2013

Nov13: 1st Prize (\$100) No.112 Sue Remedios, Sunshine VIC.

2nd Prize (\$40) No.16 Maude Banna,Thornbury VIC.

Dec13: 1st Prize (\$100) No. 60 Frank O'Connor,Sunbury VIC.

2nd Prize (\$40) No.159 Ellen Nora Connor, Essendon VIC.

Jan14: 1st Prize (\$100) No. 6 Jim Byrden, Sth Oakleigh VIC.

2nd Prize (\$40) No. 117 - Gary Hynes, Alexandra VIC.

If you would like to join for \$24 per year please contact christine.wong@goodshep.com.au

TASMANIA - REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ACCESS TO TERMINATIONS) BILL 2013

The Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013 was debated for six months until it was passed in November 2013 with a vote 9:5. This was a devastating setback for the Right to Life movement, for the unborn child, who can be killed right up to birth, without prosecution. Babies born alive after an abortion have no protection. The legislation also now suppresses any dissent against the abortion. A 300 metre "bubble zone" now surrounds abortion clinics in the state preventing all types of witness or protest. Even attempts by pro-life MPs to reduce the number of weeks from 16 to 14 for the upper limit of weeks requiring two physicians' signatures were required, were blocked.

YOUR MEMBERS' VOTING RECORD

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MLA) WHO VOTED AGAINST THE BILL:

Elise Archer	Adam Brooks	Michael Ferguson	Matthew Groom	Peter Gutwein
Rene Hidding	Will Hodgman	Jacque Petrusma	Michael Polley	Jeremy Rockliff
Mark Shelton				

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (MLC) WHO VOTED AGAINST THE BILL:

Rosemary Armitage	Ivan Dean	Leonie Hiscutt	Tony Mulder	Adriana Taylor
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DR DEATH AND HIS SUICIDE SHOP!

Most of you will be aware South Australia has a state election on 15 March 2013. You will have also read in the Sunday Mail (17/11/13) or on internet or TV that Philip Nitschke has "opened" a euthanasia clinic in an Adelaide suburb. He apparently has raised money from supporters of "Exit International", his website. On his website he states "Learn about Max Dog Nitrogen, how to obtain it, how to store it and use it in a way that will provide a peaceful, reliable, legal and totally undetectable death."



Jay Weatherill,
Premier S.A.

The clinic is located in a disused grocery shop in the suburb of Gilberton (post code 5081). Nitschke has already stocked it with helium canisters, nitrogen bottles and a laboratory used for scientific testing. Drugs, imported from Mexico, China or Peru by prospective clients will be analysed by Nitschke in his laboratory – to ensure their purity in order to guarantee a peaceful and reliable death!

Nitschke is quoted as saying that "people are coming to me for social reasons, they are tired of life and want realistic choices. An elective peaceful, reliable death should be available for any adult of sound mind". Many groups are opposing the facility e. g. the Palliative Care Council of SA, anti-euthanasia group HOPE and of course Right to Life Australia Inc.



Write to the premier:

Hon Jay Weatherill
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
GPO Box 2343, ADELAIDE 5001

Simple handwritten letters are best. MPs have told us they are overwhelmed by the volume of emails.

Ask him why he is allowing this suicide shop to continue?

Express your concerns about Nitschke's clinic

Outline your views about euthanasia

Inform them you will only vote for pro-life candidates

- Mary Collier

ELECTION IN TASMANIA – 15 MARCH 2013

On 15 March 2013 the Tasmanian state election will be held. In the past year there have been two bills introduced to Parliament which have threatened the sanctity of life in the state. The first was the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2013 introduced by Labor Premier, Lara Giddings and Greens Party leader Nick McKim and was defeated 13-11 with Speaker Michael Polley effectively using his casting vote against it. This bill would have legalised both assisted suicide and euthanasia. Premier Giddings said on her website: "Who are we to say to an independent, competent adult that has voluntarily, persistently and consistently made a request for assistance to end their life that they must continue to live with pain and suffering, rather than allowing them to end their life at the time of their choosing?" Lara Giddings and Nick McKim also pushed the dreadful Abortion law along. Now you have an opportunity to remove these anti-life politicians and have pro-life politicians represent you.

We urge all Tasmanians to vote for the pro-life representatives. Put last on the ballot sheet those who voted for euthanasia and abortion, as they have disqualified themselves from winning your vote. They do not represent you on these most important issues.

News from the U. S. A.

Encouraging arguments at U.S. Supreme Court in abortion clinic bubble zone case

BY ERIC SCHEIDLER, Life Site News Jan 17, 2014

The United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of *McCullen v. Coakley*, the Massachusetts "bubble zone" case. In 2007, the state enacted a law prohibiting speech within 35 feet of the entrance to an abortion facility, making sidewalk counselling at these facilities far more difficult. Sidewalk counsellor Eleanor McCullen, a 77-year old grandmother who has saved hundreds of babies with her peaceful outreach to women entering Massachusetts abortion clinics, challenged the law, saying it unfairly restricts her freedom of speech.

The transcript from Wednesday's hearing suggests that the Court is inclined to agree with her. Justices Kennedy, Scalia and Alito, in particular, challenged Massachusetts assistant attorney general Jennifer Miller on her claim that the law does not discriminate based on one's viewpoint.

America must ban sex-selective abortions, or risk a China-like dearth of baby girls

BY DANIEL KUEBLER Jan 20, 2014 LifeSite News

January 20, 2014 (ThePublicDiscourse.com) - For more than thirty years, the Chinese government has been carrying out one of the most massive social experiments in human history. In order to head off what officials believed to be an unsustainable rate of population growth, it enacted, and has often brutally enforced, a one-child policy. While the policy has slowed population growth in China, the side effect has been the creation of an unprecedented gender imbalance.

Ever since the early 1980s, when ultrasound examinations became widely available in China, the number of boy births per 100 girl births has soared. According to China's National Bureau of Statistics, it reached a peak of 120 in 2008. Although that number dropped to 117 in 2012, it still remains well above the normal range of 103 to 107.

The skewed gender ratio in China has created a generation of young men without hope of finding a mate. The social consequences of this phenomenon are just beginning to be realized. Columbia University economist Lena Edlund has estimated that for every 1 percent increase in the gender imbalance, there is a 6 percent increase in violent crime and property crime. Too many young men deprived of the stabilizing influence of family life and familial responsibilities spell trouble for a society. With a rising number of unpaired males, it is not surprising that high-risk male-associated crimes such as gambling, drug abuse and female trafficking are on the rise in China.

Chris Smith Tells March for Life: Abortion is the Ultimate Exploitation of Women and Children

by CONGRESSMAN CHRIS SMITH | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 1/22/14

Thank you for joining this extraordinary March — a magnificent celebration of God's gift of life and a recommitment to defending and protecting women and children from the violence of abortion.



Despite the fact that President Obama is using stealth, deception and the coercive power of the state to promote abortion violence—including new massive public funding in Obamacare for insurance plans that include abortion on demand—the pro-life movement is alive and well and making serious, significant and sustained progress. In the last three years alone, a record 200 pro-life laws have been enacted in the states. Thank you state lawmakers and pro-life governors!

Abortionists are victim-makers and since 1973, more than 56 million children have been brutally slain—a death toll that equates to the entire population of England. On the other hand, the compassionate people in the pro-life movement have for over forty years, welcomed, embraced, loved and deeply cherished both mothers at risk and the co-victims of every abortion—post-abortion women.

The passage of time hasn't changed the fact that abortion is a serious, lethal violation of fundamental human rights, and that women and children deserve better, and that the demands of justice, generosity, and compassion require that the right to life be guaranteed to everyone.

Rather than dull our consciences to the unmitigated violence of abortion, the passage of time has only enabled us to see and, frankly, better understand the innate cruelty of abortion and its horrific legacy—victims—while making us more determined than ever to protect the weakest and the most vulnerable.

Senator Bernardi is right on abortion

Senator Cory Bernardi deserves commendation for speaking out (Herald Sun 6/1/14) about the tragic loss of human life in the abortion holocaust that occurs in Australia today. At the same time, Australia pro-lifers must feel very disappointed at the actions of the Prime Minister Hon Tony Abbott MP (The Age 7/1/14) in distancing himself from any concern over Australia's government funded abortion epidemic.

Yes, Senator Bernardi, abortion is used as a method of birth control in Australia today. It is so freely available and in three jurisdictions, the ACT, Victoria and Tasmania, it is legal right up to birth! In the case of Victoria and Tasmania there are penalties for those doctors who refuse to refer for abortion.

Why would any doctor refuse to refer for abortion? Quite simply because abortion is the taking of a human life. As my late mother used to describe it so aptly, "It is getting rid of someone!"

Senator Bernardi is a rare breed amongst State and Federal M.P.'s in Australia. He's not too scared to raise the abortion issue. However I have to add that his criticism of single families and "step-children" etc is not quite appropriate. When a single woman gets pregnant, she deserves credit for not taking the easy way out and having an abortion. We all acknowledge that traditional families are the ideal — but if a child comes into existence outside that ideal, we must still give equal value to that life. That's what we in Right to Life Australia fervently believe — every human life is precious and should be protected.

- Margaret Tighe

THE RIGHT TO LIFE AUSTRALIA INC. STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The Association shall be non-denominational, non-party political with the following objects:

1. To provide an organisational structure for all forms of collective citizen action in defence of the right to life
2. To initiate and develop public campaigns designed to secure the legislative recognition of the civil right to life of every human being from the moment of fertilisation until natural death
3. To campaign for the election of legislators committed to the civil right to life and for the exclusion from office of candidates who refuse to give a commitment to the civil right to life
4. To provide support for women facing crisis pregnancies
5. To engage in whatever forms of activity throughout the Commonwealth of Australia as may be necessary to achieve objects (1), (2), (3) and (4)
6. To co-operate with other organisations in pursuance of the above objects.