

## Great Defender Of Life Hon Nick Goiran M.L.C., W.A. Parliament

*How I envy the W.A. Parliament for having as an M.P. a man who puts defence of human life high on his parliamentary agenda. I speak here of the Hon. Nick Goiran, member of the Legislative Council, South Metropolitan region.*

*Recently Nick Goiran moved a motion opposing assisted suicide and euthanasia, and promoting palliative care, in the W.A. Legislative Council.*

*This is an abridged version of Nick Goiran's speech.*

– Margaret Tighe

HON NICK GOIRAN (South Metropolitan): I move –

That this house–

(a) noting that –

(i) the Belgium Parliament has recently authorised the direct killing of children through euthanasia;

(ii) euthanasia or assisted suicide is now routinely performed in Belgium and the Netherlands on persons with no terminal illness but with psychiatric disorders such as anorexia or depression or with disabilities such as blindness; and

(iii) Dr Philip Nitschke, during a recent visit to Perth, offered instruction in methods of suicide including how to illegally obtain pentobarbitone, a schedule 8 poison, and how to use nitrogen as an undetectable means of ending life;

(b) condemns the practice of child euthanasia;

(c) commends palliative care as an appropriate response to terminal and chronic illness;

(d) affirms the value of every human life including those with mental illness or disability; and

(e) endorses suicide prevention as the appropriate response to all those who for whatever reason may think life is not worth living.

When I last spoke on the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide in my contribution to the budget debate on 17 October last year, there was so much compelling evidence from Oregon on the dangers involved that there was insufficient time for me to address the situation elsewhere around the globe. On that

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## Life Walk 2014 “TRAILBLAZERS FOR LIFE”



Georgia Florance and Shine Xavier enjoying country cooking after a long day's walk for life

Young Life Walk participant Georgia Florance spoke excitedly before our Life Walk 2014-“I’m excited to go on the Walk for Life! Honestly I am. I love being with other young people who love life - including unborn life! If this is a way I can help end abortion in my country, I want to be part of it. It’s especially exciting for me to walk for babies’ lives at the moment, because my newest little sibling is due to be born very soon!”

Young Georgia walked every kilometre despite having badly swollen feet which required in-house medical treatment. She walked together with a young student nurse, Shine, who worked at the Myrtleford Hospital. Shine was thrilled to be with fellow pro-lifers.

We commenced walking for two days on the Murray to Mountains gold trail, which is mainly used by cyclists. On Friday 23 May 2014 we walked from Bright to Myrtleford (30km), and on Saturday walked from Myrtleford to Everton station (30km).

Although the surface of the track was smooth underfoot the asphalt was jarring by the end of the first day's walking. We were drenched on the second day-by lunchtime a lengthy

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## Great Defender Of Life

**Hon Nick Goiran M.L.C., W.A. Parliament (cont. from p1)**

day, the Tasmanian House of Assembly rejected the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2013, dismissing the claim by proponents that legalised euthanasia was working well in Oregon, the Netherlands and Belgium as unfounded. Sadly, since then Belgium has legalised the killing of children by euthanasia, and Dr Philip Nitschke has brought his travelling circus to Perth, touting his latest deadly toy—the nitrogen cylinder.

I turn to the issue of Belgium, where deaths by euthanasia have increased sixfold since it was legalised in 2003, from 235, to 1 432 in 2012. In Flanders in 2007, nearly one-third of deaths by euthanasia were brought about without any explicit request from the patient. Although the law only authorises doctors to perform euthanasia, nurses administered the legal drugs in 12 per cent of cases involving an explicit request, and in 45 per cent of cases without an explicit request. Belgium allows organ donation after euthanasia, including from people with psychiatric disorders, such as a woman suffering from automutilation, which is cutting to cause self-harm. Her consent was accepted as valid, despite her mental illness. Tom Mortier, whose mother was euthanased in April 2012 for chronic depression, wrote in an article on 4 February last year that —

I was not involved in the decision-making process and the doctor who gave her the injection never contacted me.

... How is it possible that people can be euthanased in Belgium without close family or friends being contacted? Why does my country give medical doctors the exclusive power to decide over life and death? How do we judge what “unbearable suffering” is? ... Can we rely on such a judgment for a mentally ill person? After all, can a mentally ill person make a “free choice”? ... How can a medical doctor be “absolutely certain” that his/her patient doesn’t want to live anymore?

In December 2012, deaf identical twin brothers asked to be euthanased after being distressed at learning they were going blind.

....

I turn now to the situation in the Netherlands. Euthanasia was legalised in the Netherlands in 2003. The number of deaths there has more than doubled from 1 815 in 2003 to 4 188 deaths in 2012. Euthanasia now accounts for nearly three per cent of all deaths in the Netherlands. Euthanasia is routinely carried out for dementia, depression and other mental health issues. In 2012, there were 42 notifications involving patients with dementia, and 14 involving patients with psychiatric problems. The Royal Dutch Medical Association states that as the elderly experience —

... various other ailments and complications such as disorders affecting vision, hearing and mobility, falls, confinement to bed, fatigue, exhaustion and loss of fitness take hold, ... The patient perceives the suffering as interminable, his existence

as meaningless and—though not directly in danger of dying from these complaints—neither wishes to experience them nor, insofar as his history and own values permit, to derive meaning from them.

... such cases are sufficiently linked to the medical domain to permit a physician to act within the confines of the Euthanasia Law.

In 2013, a woman asked to be killed by euthanasia because of her blindness. She was distressed at not being able to see whether her clothes were stained or to see new clothes when shopping. She refused a guide dog on the grounds that she wanted to walk a dog, not be led by one.

Case 15 of the “Dutch Regional Euthanasia Review Committees: 2011 Annual Report” concluded that the attending physician failed to accurately diagnose a woman’s back pain and prescribed only limited pain-relief medication. Consequently, it could not be said that the woman’s pain was definitively unrelievable. This woman has now been euthanased and can get no relief from this finding of error.

...

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual.

... Meanwhile, this coming Monday Dr Patsy Yates, president of Palliative Care Australia, will present the new position statement on paediatric palliative care which, in sharp contrast to the Belgian approach of offering to kill children who are terminally ill, states on page 3 that it —


... aims to provide the best quality of life through an holistic approach which supports the physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of the child and their family. “The goal is to add life to the child’s years, not simply years to the child’s life.”

...

Children and adolescents need to experience the best life possible regardless of their prognosis, and especially if their time is limited.

... I conclude by asking: suicide promotion or suicide prevention?

... This is a cult of suicide and death that I want no part of. In response to the challenges of suffering and despair there is always a better way than killing.



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## Letter from the President



Dear Friends of Life,  
Firstly, congratulations to those valiant walkers who took part in the recent Walk for the Unborn in North Eastern Victoria and many thanks to those who have supported them with sponsorship – either in response to our mailout or in terms of the money raised by the walkers in person (see page 5).

The Age newspaper and its push for legalised euthanasia I thought that responsible newspapers exist to report to those who buy them, the daily news. A responsible journalist should try to present both sides of the story so as their readers will be well informed. And some journalists do try and do this conscientiously.

However The Age recently gave its readers a huge dose of promotion for the legalisation of patient killing.

Day after day, we were fed a constant diet of stories, letters, feature articles and even an editorial on the need to give people the right to choose death when it suited them.

The most prominent articles about the need to pass laws that would allow doctors to kill their patients at their request featured patients terminally ill with cancer of the oesophagus – a most distressing condition.

When I sent a letter to The Age for publication referring to the peaceful deaths, from the same condition, following appropriate treatment, of two people close to me, it was reduced in size and dominated by a very long letter about the awful suffering of another with the same condition.

In my letter I had asked whether similar treatment had been offered to this man who sought death.

What I didn't read about in this campaign by the Age are accounts of the wonderful work of specialist physicians who engage in research aimed at improving the lot of the terminally ill who have made great strides in doing so, instead of killing their patients.

– Margaret Tighe.



**Saturday 11th October 2014**

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## Parliamentary Banner- Dates

Melbourne Parliamentary Banner Dates:

August 5,6,7,19,20,21, September 2,3,4,16,17,18

## Western Australians walk and rally for life



Western Australia's 2014 Walk and Rally for Life was held in Perth on 10 June, calling for an end to abortion in the state. Around 700 people participated in the event on Tuesday night at Kings Park. They proclaimed, "You, me, all of us are just grown up embryos" and "Abortion stops a beating heart: No one deserves abortion"

Five of the parliamentarians who came along also spoke on the night. The 2014 Walk and Rally for Life was organised by the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life. The parliamentarians present included Hon Nick Goiran MLC, MLA's Hon Michelle Roberts, Dr Graham Jacobs Margaret Quirk, Peter Abetz, Hon Kate Doust, Bill Johnson, Glenys Godfrey, Tony Krsticevic, and Frank Alban, Senator elect Joe Bullock was also present.

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## Queensland Walk for Little Feet



**The Dowling Rampa family at the Walk**

It was another beautiful day in May for the Walk for Little Feet in Brisbane this year. Encouragingly, numbers were up on last year but we still look forward to the day that ten times as many join us.

The Walk started from near the new Marie Stopes International abortion clinic at Woolloongabba...About 30 to 40 semi-hysterical pro-abortionists blockaded the road just before we finished outside Parliament House. We decided to 'cross the line' with the assistance of two policemen, through the proabortion ranks and finished the Walk where we intended.

Fanatical abortion advocate, Adrienne Freeman, an obstetrician gynaecologist who got herself into trouble for, amongst other things, setting up a website to show how a woman can self-abort, has retired. Unborn babies will give a silent cheer.

– Graham Preston



## Dr Death now in Essendon?!

It has been revealed that Dr Phillip Nitschke, Australia's Dr Death, is planning to establish a suicide advice clinic in Essendon- a Melbourne suburb. This follows on the establishing of one in Adelaide still functioning we presume.

We live in an age in which suicide prevention is supported with government monies. Yet Nitschke believes in and promotes this idea that anyone should be helped to die whenever they choose for any reason – or none!– whatsoever.

The following article by **Dr Ted Watt** of Perth makes useful reading. Meanwhile we are asking Essendon residents and also those other members in the Moonee Valley municipality to write to the Councillors seeking action against Nitschke.

– Margaret Tighe.

### So now it's euthanasia for the kiddies, is it?

We should encourage Dr Nitschke to stay here in Perth for a long time. There's no-one better than him at showing us clearly what we are signing up for if we take the first hesitant step in legalizing euthanasia.

Most people promoting a euthanasia bill (let's call them the Death Lobby) seek to soothe our apprehension by talking about 'stringent safeguards', 'terminal illness' 'final stages of life', 'unbearable pain', and so on. Dr Nitschke too is fluent in this lotus-land rhetoric. But he can't keep it up for long.

In a 5 June 2001 interview with National Review Online's Kathryn Jean Lopez, Dr Nitschke asserted that suicide assistance should be available to 'anyone who wants it, including the depressed, the elderly bereaved [and] the troubled teen'. And no-one can complain that he has failed to live up to his professed principles. He was the leading publicist in the grandstanding suicide of Nancy Crick on the Gold Coast in May 2002. Before she died, we were told in media releases and on her website that she had terminal cancer, was in pain, and her weight had dropped to 27kg. When her autopsy revealed that she was not terminally ill, had no trace of cancer, and that her weight was nearly double the stated 27 kg, and rising, Dr Nitschke was not in the least embarrassed. On the contrary, he airily admitted that he had known all that before she died – known, that is, that he and she had been making statements that they knew were false – but insisted that it did not matter whether she had cancer, whether or not she was dying, what her body weight was, or whether it was rising or falling; all that mattered was that she had wanted to end her life, and wanted help to do it.

The story was repeated in the joint suicide of healthy octogenarians Syd and Marjorie Croft in Bundaberg in November 2002. Dr Nitschke was happy to 'help' them too, even though neither of them claimed to be terminally ill (or even non-terminally ill), or in pain. They said they were taking their own lives to escape from ill-health in the future, not in the present, and from bereavement in the event that one of them died before the other.

It was the same in 1996-7 when the Northern Territory euthanasia law was in force, and Dr Nitschke had the opportunity to kill

seven people, personally (and legally). In that case all seven people had cancer, but four of them were suffering from clinical depression, three were marked by social isolation, two may not have been terminally ill, and none of them was suffering uncontrolled pain. All this was revealed in a paper published in The Lancet vol 352 (3 October 1998), and, far from being embarrassed by these facts coming to light, Dr Nitschke was one of the three authors of the paper.

In running his suicide workshops up and down the country since then, Dr Nitschke plainly recognizes no obligation to screen out people who are not in pain, or not terminally ill, or not ill at all, or who are clinically depressed and would benefit from counselling – to him suicide is just another lifestyle choice, and providing people with information and equipment is, as he says, 'a matter of civil liberties'.

No surprise, then, that Dr Nitschke is in favour of the Belgian parliament's recent decision to extend the benefits of their euthanasia laws to children – 'enlightened', 'courage', 'compassion' are the words he uses, and he demands that WA polities 'do what our taxes pay them to do' by extending those benefits to children here, by 'changing [their] laws to suit the realities of our time'.

The realities of our time are that suicide is already the leading cause of death among young people, well ahead of road accidents, and that increasing numbers of young people are in a fragile state of mind following family breakdown, drug use, turmoil in their own relationships, and so on. To all this pain, whatever its source, Dr Nitschke's recommendation offers the same answer as he offers to sick children – death. Legalized, socially accepted, publicly promoted, assisted death. Is that the best we can do?

It would be easy to dismiss Dr Nitschke as a one-off, unrepresentative of the promoters of legalized euthanasia, and it's true that some people in the mainstream euthanasia organizations may not be entirely comfortable with Dr Nitschke's abrasive and grandstanding manner. But though they may not share his style, they have not repudiated his substance. It seems that they are increasingly coming to accept the logic of their own position: that if euthanasia is all about choice, then in the long run they can't impose limits. Choice is choice – you can't have just a little bit of euthanasia. They may begin, as in Belgium, by urging medicalized killing only for the terminally ill, or those in severe pain, who are competent and who have consented. But when the objects of this 'compassion' include people who are not in pain, not dying, not terminally ill, not ill at all – or people (such as those with Alzheimer's) who have not consented, and are not competent to consent, will the Death Lobby call a halt? Not in a blue moon. They will assure us that these people would have consented if they had been able.

Dr Nitschke may not always have been strictly truthful in his publicity, but he has always been admirably upfront about what he is promoting. He has never pretended that what he wants is just a little bit of euthanasia. So euthanasia for the kiddies is fine by him. That's why it is so good to have him here. I hope he stays for a long time, and keeps talking.

– Dr Ted Watt, retired Professor of Politics

## Life Walk 2014 "TRAILBLAZERS FOR LIFE" (cont. from p1)

downpour meant we had to modify the course and take shelter in the Ovens pub! A highlight was the beautiful scenery which surrounded us. Indescribable colours of yellow, brown and reds. Green hills were laced with jersey and black and white Friesian cows.

Lunches were held in old railway station sites, or parks. At night, we arrived home to a hearty country meal cooked by local "Myrtlefordians". Anita Toner coordinated our catering and cooked her famous pumpkin soup. Her friend John, a baker, provided his homemade scones, jam and cream on Saturday evening. The accommodation had a communal kitchen and lounge area, and some succumbed to watching the AFL football. Glasses of red or port were shared, as were Tim-tam biscuits and other delicacies.

One of the key communication methods used was CB radios - between organisers and individual marshals. This was imperative in communicating instructions as well as allowing time for humour and even poetry to be passed between groups!

On Sunday, our journey took us to the high country gold mining area of Beechworth. This area is steep to navigate because of the topography of the rocky old goldmining sites. The final spectacular views at the Woolshed falls marked a glorious ending to the trip.

"It is hard to believe the Life Walk is over for another year... countless hours of preparing and organising to do for just one event" said Moya Roadley and Gary Hynes who assisted with the planning process.

Our thanks to Tim Roadley, Murray Quadrathon Event Manager for driving us through the event course prior to the event to design the risk management plan. Thank you to John Bridges from Alpine Shire Council who oversaw and issued our permit. John also met with us in Wangaratta in his own time to ensure we were fully briefed on the council requirements and the dangers of the Great Alpine Road crossings.

Our thanks to Sandra Caddy, Moss Fuller, Ruth Kerr and Gary Hynes for carrying the responsibility of being marshals for the group. Also, sincere thanks to Anita Toner, Helen Fuller and Moya Roadley who worked tirelessly in the kitchen and surrounds, cooking and washing dishes. Other "Myrtlefordians" donated casseroles and salads for evening meals.

Our bus driver Ron, was worth his weight in gold. Pity he didn't find us any! Thank you to David Chitty from Adventure Guides Australia who guided us on day 3 and has donated us a magnificent gift of a free abseiling event for 10 people, as well as a free cross-country skiing with ski hire and training for two people. These will be used to raise money for RTLA.

Many kind Walk 2014 sponsors have already sent in their donations. Money raised is still increasing and we hope for a successful tally. We need to be financially resourced to launch successful campaigns for the unborn. – **Mary Collier, Event Manager**



**"Some at Woolshed Falls, Beechworth"**  
From left to right: Georgia Florance, Mary Collier, Sandra Caddy, Ruth Kerr, Jan Walker, Helen and Moss Fuller



**Moya and Gary study the maps**



**Moss and Ron Tighe, Margaret's husband, at the Goldfields**



**Robert and Jan take a break from rain**



**Ursula relaxes at lunch Eurobin station**



**The colours of nature in Myrtleford**



**Moya Roadley phones ahead**



**John's famous jam scones**



**Inquisitive cows on the trail**



## HYPOCRISY by M.P.'s on SHAW

The campaign to get rid of Geoff Shaw, M.L.A. Frankston, from the Victorian Parliament is primarily being driven by his plan to try and do something about Victoria's appalling abortion laws – or rather lack of them.

It seems to me that M.P.'s making these threats are engaging in hypocrisy. They seem to have ignored the travel rorts engaged in by several members of federal parliament, from both sides of politics, some of them Ministers of the Crown. They had made questionable claims for travel to attend weddings and football matches etc. One had even made travel claims for himself and his wife to fly to their new holiday home, States away.

Even Julia Gillard, when P.M. paid back over \$4000 because her partner had used her parliamentary car to sell shampoo around Victoria (weekend Australian 7-8/6/14)

And what about former Minister and M.P. Peter Reith, who allowed his son to use his phone card whilst he lived in London!

When caught out, the federal M.P.'s in question coughed up. They were not made to resign from parliament!

– Margaret Tighe.

## Geoff Shaw takes aim at Victorian abortion laws

14 May 2014 – by Matthew Biddle, The Record, W.A.

**Independent Frankston MP Geoff Shaw plans to overhaul Victoria's abortion laws, which have been described as "the worst in the world".**

PRO-LIFE GROUPS have given their support to Victorian MP Geoff Shaw's plan to overhaul the State's abortion laws.

Last week, it was reported that Mr Shaw was finalising plans for a private member's bill that he hoped would be debated in State Parliament soon.

The bill proposes six amendments to the existing Victorian abortion laws, which were passed in 2008.

Mr Shaw wants to make partial-birth abortion and gender selection illegal, as well as requiring doctors to resuscitate babies who survive abortion attempts.

His amendments also include the provision of pain relief for fetuses during procedures, mandatory counselling for families and requiring informed consent to be legislated.

The independent MP, who holds the balance of power in



Geoff Shaw

Victoria, also wants to repeal section eight of the legislation, which requires doctors who object to abortions to refer their patient to doctors who are willing to perform the abortion.

President of Right to Life Australia Margaret Tighe said she supported the Frankston MP's proposed bill.

"I have to say that I do compliment him," she said.

"I believe he's very genuinely opposed to abortion and I've watched him carefully when he's being interviewed and the sort of things he says really convince me that he's very genuine and he's very deeply concerned about the current situation in Victoria."

While Mrs Tighe said she believed the bill would have a good chance at being passed, she acknowledged it could be difficult for Mr Shaw to have the bill debated.

"It won't be easy for Mr Shaw," she said.

"They only have a certain amount of time allocated to debating private member's business, and there's not a lot of time between now and November 29, when the election will be held.

"But we're right behind him and we'll certainly be doing all we can to make sure that the bill is debated."

Meanwhile, an online petition asking the Victorian government to amend the abortion laws so doctors have freedom of conscience if they choose not to refer a woman for an abortion has secured more than 5,300 signatures.

Thornbury doctor Nathaniel Essey told Family Voice Australia the Victorian laws are contrary to the Hippocratic Oath restricting freedom of speech.

"Abortion is not a life-saving treatment, it is a lifestyle choice," Dr Essey said. "I did not study for 12 years in order to kill fetuses or partake in acts of cruelty. This law is not pro-choice, it is no choice."

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**Update 10/6/14 Daniel Andrews, Opposition Leader, Chief Hypocrite and sponsor of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 moved an expulsion motion against Geoff Shaw. Premier Naphtine, no doubt desperate to avoid a pre-election abortion debate, also shares in the hypocrisy stakes. He succeeded in having Shaw suspended for 11 sitting days and if he does not apologise to the parliament and people, he will be expelled!**

### SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

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## BABY JOHN

Born at 26 weeks weighing the size of a can of coke, baby John is one of Victoria's smallest babies to survive.

– Brigid O'connell, HERALD SUN, May 28, 2014 (abridged)



Baby John defied the odds after being born at 26 weeks weighing just 395g. Picture: David Caird. Source: News Limited

THE survival of baby John Metaxiotis is down to the willing of big hearts, the work of many hands and his own determination.

Born at 26 weeks weighing 395g - no heavier than a can of Coke - and just the length of a ballpoint pen, John is one of the smallest babies to survive in Victoria. After 165 days at Mercy Hospital for Women, he will wake up for the first time at home.

It took 15 failed IVF attempts and three miscarriages, but parents Paula and Con spent their first night together as a family when the statistics say it shouldn't be possible.

The average weight of babies born on the cusp of life and death, at 24 weeks' gestation, is 588g. Just two of the five babies born at the Mercy under 400g in the past 10 years have survived. Ultrasounds at 20 weeks revealed John was two weeks under size, and the couple were referred to obstetrician Professor Sue Walker. They were told nothing could be done to repair the placenta issues that were starving John of nutrients and oxygen, aside from bed rest and "hoping for the best".

"Everything is put together by the end of the first trimester," Prof Walker said.

"You've got the right number of fingers and toes, kidneys and the heart structure you're going to have for the rest of your life. Parents Con and Paula Metaxiotis cuddle their baby, John. Picture: David Caird.

"But there is so much more growth and maturation to do.

"From the first scans we saw, we thought we weren't going to be able to salvage a baby out of this situation."

Mrs Metaxiotis was suffering severe sleep apnoea - causing her to stop breathing 30 times an hour - and she was given CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) therapy as a last-ditch attempt to buy her baby more time inside the womb. But on December 14, time was up.

"He looked as small as a newborn kitten," Mrs Metaxiotis said.

"It felt like you were holding nothing. We were petrified."

John dropped to 330g in that first week because of problems with his underdeveloped lungs.

But around-the-clock care by doctors and nurses at Mercy's NICU saw John progress from mechanical ventilation to the low-flow oxygen support he returned home on.

"I gave him goals every day. That's how we got through," Mrs Metaxiotis said.

"He has proved everyone wrong. We now just wish for him to have a happy and healthy life."

## Brief news from Graham Preston

### Australia's leading Protestor against abortion

Regarding my arrests in Tasmania, the mention in court was held on May 7 in Hobart and the case has been set down for September 4-5, with a prior mention to be held on July 25 (just for both parties to say they will be ready for the September hearing). ... My solicitor who was there on my behalf has assured me that no action will be taken so long as I show up in September - which I certainly intend to do.

It is uncertain, of course, how this is going to work out. Whether or not a Constitutional challenge against the new Tasmanian law will be able to be brought on the basis of these



Graham Preston campaigning  
- photo by Mishka Gora

charges will have to be decided as things develop. ... Michael McAuley, a barrister from Sydney ... will be representing me, and Peter Tierney the solicitor in Hobart. If a Constitutional challenge is raised then another barrister from Adelaide who specialises in Constitutional Law has offered his services. This case could prove to be very important, in particular in relation to seeing the Tasmanian law against protesting overturned, but also for myself and family, for if we lose quite significant penalties could be applied.

As it happened, on the day that the above mention was being held in Tasmania, I was spending much of that day in the Brisbane city watch-house! I had gone to the Woolloongabba abortion clinic in the morning and the police arrived not long after I did - they were so quick getting there in fact that no 'clients' had even gone in. I pointed this out to them but nonetheless they immediately gave me a move on direction. At first no reason at all was even given as to why I had to move. It seemed to be such a ridiculous situation that I couldn't just walk away. So I didn't leave and was arrested.

Once again the police would not give me bail unless I agreed not to go within 100m of the place until after the hearing. I refused to accept that and went before a magistrate to try and have it overturned. Unfortunately this magistrate, unlike the previous two, would not agree to it.

Sincerely, Graham – Protect Life





## Former Abortion Clinic Owner: "We Pushed Sex Ed on Kids to Create a Market for Abortion"

by Nancy Flanders, Washington, DC LifeNews.com 5/14/14

Washington DC (LiveActionNews) – For six years Carol Everett operated four abortion clinics in Texas. ... Everett earned a commission for every abortion in addition to a share of the fees charged by each clinic. She says she sold abortion and made big bucks off of the "cash cow" of abortion. A new abortion clinic, she said at the annual Rose Dinner for the National March for Life in Ottawa, would make enough money to pay for itself in a single month.



Carol Everett

The clinics' system to make the quick cash was quite simple. The abortionist would move from one room to the next, performing abortion after abortion, often without cleaning up between abortions, according to Everett. In addition, Everett said that the counselors at the clinics are more like telemarketers. They are trained to schedule abortions and use wording to eliminate a potential clients' fears and objections concerning abortion. Everett, who left the abortion industry after a Christian business counselor she hired lead her to Christ, also talked about how damaging government-funded sex education programs are. In her speech at the Rose Dinner, she took aim at the programs for stealing away the innate modesty of children and creating a rift between children and their parents. She says that the programs aim to teach children that talking to their parents about sex is uncomfortable and then they offer to be the people the children turn to for support. She says that girls are then provided with low dose birth control, which is ineffective if not taken at the same time each and every day, which is close to impossible for any teenager. When the girls get pregnant, they then turn to abortion clinics, she says.

## Governor Jindal Signs Bills to Protect Women and Children from Louisiana's Abortion Industry

By Dave Andrusko June 13, 2014

BATON ROUGE, LA – Governor Bobby Jindal signed two bills into law Thursday that will protect women and children from an abortion industry often more interested in profit than the best interest of patient health and safety.

On March 7th, Gov. Jindal announced at a press conference that H.B. 388 and H.B. 305 were a part of his 2014 Legislative Package. Both pieces of legislation were created in collaboration between Louisiana Right to Life and the Bioethics Defense Fund. H.B. 388 authored by Rep. Katrina Jackson (D-Monroe), known as the "Unsafe Abortion Protection Act," will ensure that women who experience complications from abortion, such as hemorrhage, uterine perforation, or infection from an incomplete abortion, are given the



Pro-Life Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal  
signing pro-life bills into law.

highest standard of care possible at a local hospital without any delays through the requirement that abortion physicians have admitting privileges at a hospital within thirty miles of their facility.

HB 388 also requires doctors who perform more than five abortions a year to maintain proper licensing. The measure also clarifies that the "Women's Right to Know" law applies to surgical as well as chemical abortions. H.B. 388 passed by overwhelming bipartisan margins in both the Louisiana House (85-6) and Senate (34-3).

H.B. 305 authored by Rep. Hoffmann (R-West Monroe) ensures that representatives of any organization or business that performs elective abortion or their affiliates may not provide instruction or materials in public elementary and secondary schools or in charter schools that receive state funding. H.B. 305 passed the Louisiana House with a vote of 91-6, and in the Senate 31-5.

## Melinda Gates: 'Gates Foundation Has Decided Not to Fund Abortion'

By Michael W. Chapman June 11, 2014

(CNSNews.com) – Melinda Gates, wife of Microsoft founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates, said the international family planning and anti-poverty group founded by them, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, "has decided not to fund abortion."

In a June 2 statement on the website of the foundation, Melinda Gates explains that she recently sat down for interviews in Toronto, Canada, and while reporters asked about the newborn and child health initiatives of the foundation, "every journalist also focused on Canada's policy on abortion."

"Let me tell you why this worries me," she said.

Gates then explained that spacing "pregnancies in a safe and healthy way" is an approach that works and "saves lives," but "the question of abortion should be dealt with separately." "[I]n the United States and around the world the emotional and personal debate about abortion is threatening to get in the way of the lifesaving consensus regarding basic family planning," she said. "I understand why there is so much emotion, but conflating these issues will slow down progress for tens of millions of women."



Bill and Melinda Gates. (AP)

She continued, "That is why when I get asked about my views on abortion, I say that, like everyone, I struggle with the issue, but I've decided not to engage on it publicly—and the Gates Foundation has decided not to fund abortion."

"I understand that the abortion debate will continue, but conflating it with the consensus on so many of the things we need to do to keep women healthy is a mistake," she said. "We have made such great progress for women on prenatal care, on providing the contraceptives that they want, and on encouraging proper care and nutrition for newborns, and we need to keep moving forward. The only way to do that is to be clear, focused, and committed."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation currently has an endowment of \$40.2 billion. It supports programs and provides grants in the United States and in more than 100 countries. "In developing countries," the foundation "focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty," states the organization on its website.

Melinda Gates was reared a Catholic and graduated from the Ursuline Academy in Dallas, Texas in 1982. She earned her undergraduate degrees at Duke University and an MBA from Duke's Fuqua School of Business in 1987. She went to work for Microsoft where she met Bill Gates and, in 1994, they were married. The Gates have three children.

## Quebec legalises euthanasia

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Quebec has become the first Canadian province to legalise euthanasia. Bill 52 easily passed in the National Assembly yesterday by a vote of 94 to 22. "I want to congratulate ourselves as parliamentarians," said Carole Poirier, of the Parti Quebecois. "Quebec is a beautiful society, and again today Quebec has just shown that we are really, really a different society." Under the new law, an adult who is terminally ill, of sound mind, and in constant and unbearable physical and psychological pain may request a lethal injection. Quebec now joins the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg as the fourth jurisdiction in which euthanasia is legal. Assisted suicide is legal in across the border in Washington state and Oregon, but not euthanasia.

The battle over the controversial law is not over, however. Under the Canadian constitution, the criminal code is a Federal responsibility—and it bans euthanasia. Therefore Quebec's legislation uses the euphemism "medical aid in dying" instead and describes it as a health issue, not a criminal issue.

"It is for the courts to decide if any province is legislating within its jurisdiction," a spokeswoman for federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay, said. "It is our government's position that the Criminal Code provisions prohibiting assisted suicide and euthanasia are constitutionally valid, and in place to protect all persons, including those who are most vulnerable in our society." A group has already launched an appeal to Canada's Supreme Court.