

Letter from the President



Margaret Tighe

Dear Friends of Life,
Sadly this is a letter of farewell because I am soon to retire as President of Right to Life Australia after more than 50 years involvement in the pro-life movement.

Along the way I have met and worked with many, many fine people who have made a valiant contribution to this cause. Mostly they have been in Australia but over the years I have met and worked with many from other countries in particular the USA, the UK and New Zealand.

When I first became involved in the work of Right to Life (known first as Right to Life Victoria) in 1973, the demands of the pro-abortion movement had been relatively timid. In fact I first involved myself in this work in 1968 joining the then Society for the Protection of unborn children (SPUC) in the UK.

I first learned about abortion when I was commencing studies to become a Pharmacist. My mother explained to me that sometimes a person would come into the Pharmacy and ask for something to bring on the period. She illustrated the story of a young child I knew, whose appearance late in her mother's child bearing years caused a neighbor to suggest "taking a good dose of salts and "get rid of it!"

When I was a mother of 2 young children I began to feel concerned about moves afoot in Victoria to legalise abortion. This was being promoted by "The Age" at the time, but in those days the demands were fairly mild compared to "abortion till birth" legal in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, ACT, New South Wales and now imminent in South Australia. Hard to believe but true! Especially when we think of the premature babies being cared for in out neo-natal intensive care nurseries. Sometimes this occurs in hospital where abortions till birth are performed!

Many years ago I recall 2000 people filling the Melbourne Town Hall to hear a speech from the world's leading fetologist, the late Professor William Liley of New Zealand. On that occasion the late Dr. Ted Cleary of Adelaide a speaker, countered if we don't stop abortion being legalized euthanasia legislation will follow, and I thought he was exaggerating!

From then on I became active in opposing abortion, initially in a small group from my suburb of Essendon. This was in 1968. The McKenzie Lamb bill in the Federal Parliament in 1973, which sought to legalise abortion in the ACT up to 16 weeks of pregnancy and which was overwhelmingly defeated, signaled the beginning in Australia of the pro-life movement.

From then on my life was devoted to this cause and the rest, they say is history.

For years following we have battled pro-abortion and euthanasia legislation as well as attacks on Human Life embryo experimentation.

What is essential is that we must never remain silent about these gross attacks on human life. To remain silent is to be cowardly

To those of you who have been so faithful to us and this vital cause I say thanks a million. Keep up the defence of human life.

In Life,

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

The value of human life

By Denissa Cojocica



Jesse 2021 – Saying goodbye to mum at school

Walking hand in hand with my son Jesse on his first day of school, my heart filled with joy and pride at how far he had come. Jesse has overcome many difficult obstacles in his young life. After being diagnosed with a rare and fatal congenital heart disease at 20 weeks gestation, and undergone numerous cardiac surgeries, the most recent of which was just last year. I stood looking at him in awe, 'what a strong and resilient little boy I have been blessed with' I thought in that moment. I watched as the little boy who had been given little chance of survival walked into class, gave me a kiss and said goodbye as he happily joined his classmates. I could see the pride on each parent's face as they dropped off their children that day, but I was sure none was as proud as I was in that moment.

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The value of human life (cont.)

Baby Jessie
at birth



Jesse during
one of his many
treatments



It is a daunting prospect to raise a child with an illness, disease or disability as I am very familiar with. The unknown can be a fearful thing, but the greatest decision one can make when faced with the choice no parent wishes to make, is to choose life. A decision I have never regretted despite facing difficult and hopeless situations.

Every child deserves to be born and given a chance at life. I was asked many times by numerous doctors if I wanted to have an abortion. Had I taken that path I would have missed out on having Jesse in my life, and he would not have had the opportunity to start his school journey that day. Human life is to be valued; in whichever form it may present. And so, we must keep up the fight against abortion, the dehumanizing of the unborn and once again restore the value of human life in our society.

Editor: An earlier edition of Right to Life News had photos and an account of Jesse's life and medical treatment he was born with his heart outside his diaphragm!

Pro-Life Law in Poland Goes Into Effect Today Banning Abortions, Protecting Unborn Babies

The Polish Government plans to begin enforcing a new anti-discrimination ruling that prohibits abortions on unborn babies with disabilities.

Reuters reports the government announced that, starting Wednesday, it will enforce the October ruling by its Constitutional Court.

Poland is one of the few European countries that protects unborn babies from abortions in almost all circumstances. On Oct. 22, its constitutional Court struck down one of the few exceptions allowed in its 1993 abortion law: abortions on unborn babies with disabilities. The justices ruled that the exception violates the constitution because it discriminates against human beings with disabilities.

The ruling could save thousands of babies' lives. Polish health officials reported 1,100 abortions in 2019. The country still allows abortions in cases of rape, incest or threats to the mother's life.

A "silent majority" of the largely Catholic country supports wide-spread protections for unborn babies, according to a recent AFP report. Evidence of this can be seen in polls and recent elections where voters repeatedly have elected strong pro-life majorities to parliament.

Pro-life advocates are active in Poland, working to educate people about unborn babies' value and support them and their families.

"One cannot kill a child for being sick. This is not a fetus, it is a child" MP Maria Kurowska, of United Poland, told Reuters in October.

Makolaj Pawlak, the commissioner for child rights in Poland, celebrated after the nation's high court recognized that it was wrong to discriminate against unborn babies with disabilities.

"The decision of the Constitutional Court declaring eugenic abortion incompatible with the constitution is a victory of life over death," Pawlak said in October. "It is a restoration of equal rights for every human being, including those who have not yet been born."

Despite strong public support for unborn babies' rights, Poland saw massive, violent protests in October after the ruling was announced.

Pro-abortion rioters vandalized buildings, disrupted church services, harassed Catholic Church Leaders and blocked Streets in major cities during the protests in the fall. Nearly 100 people were arrested during the first week of protests alone, according to an AP report.

Some pro-abortion leaders even called for more violence until the government meets their demands. In late October, leading abortion activist Matryta Lempart with the pro-abortion group Strajk Kobiet told local news outlet that protesters should continue to riot and vandalize, according to the Catholic News Agency.

Report on the South Australian Abortion to Birth Bill

In spite of a very vigorous campaign to oppose the “Termination of Pregnancies Bill 2020” it passed the South Australian Legislative Assembly on Friday morning 19th February 2021 at 2am – 29 in favour and 15 against. The Liberal Attorney-General Vickie Chapman who supported the bill claimed it was about giving women choice!



Love Adelaide Rally- 6 February 2021

All the Members of Parliament had a conscience vote which moved abortion from the Criminal Law Consolidation Act into healthcare legislation. The bill allows for late term abortions after 22 weeks and six days up to birth with few realistic obstacles. In summary late term abortions can be approved after two medical practitioners deem it “medically appropriate” and if continuing the pregnancy would involve significant risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant person.

Now the proposed legislation needs to pass the Upper House (Legislative Council).

On 22/2/21 Michael Fewster received a verbal report from Alan and Helen Tyson (40 days for Life) on the fight by South Australians to defeat the “Termination of Pregnancies Bill 2020.”

Many pro-life groups in SA have been working very hard at opposing the abortion to birth bill. People were encouraged to be active and they were – Mr. Tyson explained there was a multi-pronged attack which included the following: some would go and speak to their MP and others would write letters and emails, this included 20,000 post cards which were printed, signed and sent to MP’s. And finally, regular weekly protests were held in front of parliament house and a big rally organized by Love Adelaide. It was held on the 6th February which was a great success with reports suggesting approx. 5,000 people attended on a wet day. At the rally Mr. Tyson was heartened by the number of young women involved carrying the lead banner and acting as marshalls etc...

P.S. Sadly South Australia was the first state to legislate abortion in 1970.

WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO – CORINNA FROM GAWLER SA

(Report from Michael Fewster in the office)

After arriving back at work in late January, I answered a message from Corinna, she had read that SA had an Abortion to birth bill. Corinna looked up ‘Right to Life Australia’ on the internet as she had no contacts with prolife groups in SA. She had a copy of the bill and wanted to confirm that after 22 weeks and 6 days a fetus could be aborted up to birth. To her that was horrifying! I then read the “Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2020” and confirmed that her fears were correct.

Since that time I have had many conversations with Corinna. As part of my response to encourage and support her great work in opposing this terrible bill, I introduced her to prominent SA pro-life people such as Alan and Helen Tyson (40 Days for Life) and Poppy Vivian (RTL SA).

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I won't intentionally help my patients to end their lives

By Dr. Marion Harris – medical oncologist – published 9/10/2017



Dr. Marion Harris

For family members watching a loved one die, the experience can be agonising. However, with appropriate involvement of palliative care, the preparation and education of family members about the normal processes of dying (such as irregular breathing and fluctuating consciousness), and with the administration of pain relief, there is minimal physical suffering.

When a patient seeks assisted dying, it is often when they are first told they have a limited life expectancy and before they are truly unwell. They are so distressed by such difficult news that they anticipate what is to come and can be consumed with fear and an urge to gain control. They may respond by seeking assisted dying at a time of their choosing. In overseas jurisdictions where this is legal around 80 per cent of those who access it have cancer.

Under the assisted suicide model proposed for Victoria, no psychiatric assessment or specialist palliative care assessment of intending patients are required. There is no need to involve the patient's treating doctors as two new doctors with no mandated end-of-life expertise assess and authorise lethal medicine without any follow-up care.

Informing family members is optional. The entire process can be completed and drugs taken within 10 days – little time for change of mind about an irreversible act. Everyone is presumed to have decision-making capacity unless they obviously don't. Determination of a patient's life expectancy involves an educated guess by doctors and the confidence intervals can be wide.

The critical issue is that assisted dying has implications that extend far beyond any one individual and his or her right or choice. These extend to that person's family, community and to society as a whole. To grant a few the right to euthanasia means that the rights of many vulnerable others are compromised.

If assisted dying is legalised and becomes normalised in our society, over time people with incurable cancer and other terminal illnesses will be conditioned and pushed towards it.

Faced with another option, they now have to choose to burden their family with their care. Stories of bad deaths,

hopelessness, of being a cost to society, and of having a completed life will combine to suggest that they should choose an assisted death.

Elder abuse for financial gain is already well documented as a growing problem in Australia. Expansion of indications for assisted dying with time is inevitable – just ask Alzheimers Australia. In addition, doctors are complicit in this act as they intentionally provide the ill with the means to end their lives – a new and not so welcome addition to their job description.

Two people on average each day in Victoria tragically take their own lives, and almost all of these do not have terminal illnesses. It is a mixed message to campaign to prevent suicide in some, while providing the means to others.

Thousands of Victorians die each year without access to adequate palliative care services. Provision of well-resourced palliative care services state wide is the best way to reduce suffering at the end of life – not a lethal substance.

The Australian Medical Association as well as most other international medical bodies do not support assisted dying laws. The American College of Physicians has this month published its position statement reaffirming its strong opposition to this practice on many levels. Even doctors who do support this are reluctant to provide scripts or perform euthanasia themselves.

These are the reasons why I – along with 100 other Victorian cancer specialists – have put my name to an appeal to Victorian MPs not to pass the legislation.

Regardless of any change in the law, I won't intentionally help my patients to end their lives, nor do I personally know of any doctor who will. It is not the solution to the complex problems people face at the end of life, and it creates more problems and injustices than it solves.

Marion Harris is a consultant medical oncologist at a major public hospital in Melbourne.

Editor:

Contrast this doctor with the pro death activities of Medical oncologist Dr Cameron McLaren who boasts of having been involved in procuring the deaths of more than 40 patients!



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The Doctor Helping Patients to Die and the Catholic Hospital in which he Practices.

“Dr McLaren is available for consultations at St John of God Hospital Berwick for consultation and oncology care”

The above sentence is a direct quotation from a page on the St John of God Health Care website which gives details of Dr McLaren. It details his specialities as oncology, palliative medicine as well as being a physician.

There seemed nothing at all exceptional about this Doctor Cameron McLaren being a doctor at the St John of God Hospital, Berwick.

Then there appeared on the Australian Care Alliance website a report of the submission of Associate Professor Odette Spruijt to the University of Tasmania’s inquiring into the End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) bill 2020. Put briefly Associate Professor Odette Spruijt assesses the adverse impacts on medicine and in particular palliative care medicine and end of life care in Victoria after just eighteen months of legalised euthanasia and assistance to suicide.

She focuses on a comment by Dr Cameron McLaren, a Victorian oncologist, who by his own admission has been responsible for the deaths of more than 30 of the 124 Victorians who died by euthanasia or assistance to suicide in just the first twelve months operation of the Victoria’s Voluntary Assisted Dying Act which came to force on 19 June 2019.

Dr Cameron McLaren stated “Over this time we practitioners have grown more comfortable in the service we are providing.” Dr McLaren is of course referring to “his service” which is the direct terminations of patients to suicide. Associate Professor Odette Spruijt went on to make adverse comments about Dr McLaren.

A careful checking of this St John of God Health Care websites information on the St John of God Hospital, Berwick confirms that the Dr Cameron McLaren to whom Associate Professor Odette Spruijt refers and the Dr Cameron McLaren on the St John of God Care website are the one and the same person.

A check of the website Dying with Dignity Victoria (D.W.D Vic) revealed that Dr Cameron McLaren is a full board member of that pro-euthanasia organisation. Not only is he a member of the board but he regularly writes articles for the D.W.D Vic newsletter and special pieces published on the website of D.W.D Vic.

The Age on 27 December 2019 reported in detail

one case of Dr McLaren “helping a patient to die” by injecting into this patient’s arm. “Dr McLaren had never administered a fatal drug to a terminally ill patient before” wrote Melissa Cunningham, The Age 26 December 2019.

Melissa Cunningham continues “For days after Phil (the patient) died Dr McLaren was waiting for the hammer fall” She reports that “The fall out never came.” This is noteworthy, there has been almost no reported opposition to the deaths.

Biden announces U.S. will again fund abortions overseas

By Nancy Flanders / January 28, 2021

Pro-life nations have lost a strong advocate in the fight for life as the United States will once again fund international organizations that promote abortion.



US President Joe Biden.

Photo: wikipedia

As expected, newly-inaugurated President Joe Biden rescinded the Mexico City Policy on Thursday, January 28, 2021, which prohibits U.S. foreign aid from funding international organizations that refer for abortion or commit abortions. Abortion proponents hope the rule will be permanently revoked. Biden also reversed the

Trump administration’s Protect Life Rule on Thursday, which prohibited Title X family planning dollars from funding abortion businesses.

“The NY Times’ proclaimed ‘most religious president in half a century’ is now forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions internationally, directly targeting the vulnerable women and children that actual religious observers like Mother Teresa came to serve,” said Live Action founder and president Lila Rose in a press release.” ...Biden targets other nations and funds programs which dismember and kill their most vulnerable children.

Since its inception, the Mexico City Policy has been rescinded by every Democratic president and reinstated by every Republican president. Former President Donald Trump followed suit and reinstated the policy, but he also expanded it.

Cardinal Dolan of New York blasts Biden



Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Editor:

US President Joe Biden's not opposed to abortion. One of the first executive orders he signed off on when taking office was to overturn Donald Trump's many anti-abortion initiatives.

Despite President Biden's prominent attendance at his local Catholic Church, this is what Cardinal, Archbishop of New York, Dolan has to say.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, The Catholic Archbishop of New York criticised President-elect Joe Biden on Wednesday for running on a platform that supports "gruesome capital punishment for innocent pre-born babies."

In a Column in *Catholic New York*, the New York Archbishop defended Catholics' focus on protecting unborn babies from abortion as Biden, a pro-abortion Democrat, prepares to take Office, according to the Catholic News Agency.

Dolan said a politician once asked him why Catholics are "so hung up about abortion"- as if that was a bad thing.

"Actually, we're obsessed with the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of all human life!" Dolan replied. "Yes, the innocent, helpless life of the baby in the womb, but also the life of the death row prisoner, the immigrant, the fragile elderly, the poor and the sick."

Now, as Biden and Democrat leaders push plans to expand abortions by forcing taxpayers to pay for them, the Archbishop said Catholic and non-Catholic pro-lifers alike are worried.

"We're even more 'hung up' now, as our new president, whom we wish well, and speaks with admirable sensitivity about protecting the rights of the weakest and most threatened, ran on a platform avidly supporting this gruesome capital punishment for innocent pre-born babies," Dolan wrote.

He said pro-abortion politicians and abortion activists used to advocate for "safe, legal and rare" abortions, but they are not doing that anymore.

"How can we sustain a culture that recoils at violence,

exclusion, suicide, racism, injustice and callousness toward those in need, if we applaud, allow, pay for, and promote the destruction of the most helpless, the baby in the womb?" Dolan asked.

"So much for the reassurances!" he continued.

"Abortion remains the hottest issue in our politics, with polls showing that most Americans want restrictions on its unquestioned use, and do not want their taxes to pay for it."

Biden and Democrat leaders are pushing for more abortions despite strong public objections.

Among other things, they want to end the Hyde Amendment which prohibits taxpayer funding for elective abortions in Medicaid and other federal programs. Without it, taxpayers could be forced to pay for tens of thousands of unborn babies' abortion deaths every year.

Last year, Biden, who claims to be a devout Catholic, even called abortion "**an essential medical service**" during the coronavirus pandemic.

His health care plan would expand abortions as well by forcing insurance companies to cover abortions as "**essential**" health care under Obamacare.

He also promised to undo all of President Donald Trump's progress for life, including restoring funding to the billion dollar abortion chain Planned Parenthood.

The question, therefore, should not be why Catholics are so concerned about abortion but why more Americans are not.

Each abortion destroys the life of a unique, irreplaceable human being, a child, and nearly 1 million are killed in abortions every year.

"As a matter of fact, this is not a uniquely 'Catholic' issue at all, but one of human rights," Dolan said.

"We didn't learn that abortion was horrible in religion class, but in biology, and in our courses on the 'inalienable rights' tradition in American history."

In the midst of political divisiveness and violence across America, Dolan said he hopes that "*violence will subside, that civil discourse will again become the norm for all sides, that a respect for the sacredness of all life and the dignity of the human person will be revived, and that the sanctuary of the womb will be off-limits to violent invasion.*"

A special thanks to all who have supported me and my work for over 50 years. God Bless You.

– Margaret Tighe

US Pro-Lifers mourn Joe Scheidler dead at 93



Joe Scheidler

Joe Scheidler was known as the God Father of the US Pro-Life Movement and more recently as “The Patriarch”.

Joe dropped his work in advertising in Chicago in 1973 because he was so appalled by the shocking Roe V Wade judgment in the US Supreme Court striking down all the abortion laws and legalizing abortion until birth. From small local initiatives Joe’s brilliant leadership skills led him to head what soon became a national activity campaign against “the slaughter of the innocents” as Joe named it

His public relations advertising skills ensured that the Campaigns which Joe organized got inside coverage in the news media across America.

In the late 1970’s Joe Schiedler pioneered a style of militant direct action, staging sit-ins in abortion clinics, and picketing Doctor’s homes.. He explained he had been inspired by the successful tactics of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’s.

In 1985 Right to Life Australia invited Joe to its National Conference as its featured speaker and to participate in Pro-Life direct action. He even led a peaceful picket outside the mansion of a notorious abortionist known for his very late term abortions. The neighbours in the leafy Mont Albert Street were stunned as the picketers drove home their message peacefully.

In the same year he published “Closed: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion” which was a hands on not to do it manual for Pro-Lifers. He featured “Side Walk Counselling” which involves finding women who were considering abortions and persuading them not to kill the unborn baby, even if it meant counselling them as they entered the abortion clinic.

Joe Scheidler continued to walk a fine line between aggressive public activities and outright law breaking.

Others went further and formed “Operation rescue” to blockade abortion clinics under the inspiration of Rev Randall Terry who by the early 1990’s eclipsed Joe as the leader of street level anti-abortion activism. Thousands of activists were arrested including many Catholic Bishops several of whom were sent to prison more than once.

The rise in civil disobedience and activism made Joe’s brand of activism more difficult with many Federal and State Laws passed in the 1990’s to stop Pro-Lifers blockading clinics and allow women access to go in to kill their babies.

His autobiography “**Racketeer for Life: Fighting the Culture of Death from the Sidewalk to the Supreme Court**” published in 2016 when he was 90, tells his journey into pro-life activism and his central role in the pro-life movements, campaigns, protests and legal battles with clinic directors, abortionists doctors, Senators, members of Congress, judges, journalists and his fellow fighters for life. All are woven together in an account of his nearly 50 year efforts to expose the reality of abortion and promote new laws against abortion after first overturning Roe .V. Wade.

Vale Joe Scheidler

Written by Eugene Ahern

Editor: Joe Scheidler came to Australia on two occasions at our invitation.

Bequests – SO Important to us!

- Sadly, we have not benefitted from many bequests over the years. It is important the words of the will **accurately identify the beneficiary** of your choice.
- We recently had a bitter experience in which we were denied a very substantial bequest because of the words of the will - drawn up by a solicitor for the deceased person, who was on his deathbed.
- To those of you who may wish to leave something to one of the many charities that abound, **PLEASE consider our work** – aimed at saving the lives of the precious unborn and those who may become victims of euthanasia legislation.
- We operate an office and a vital telephone counselling service for pregnant mothers in crisis.
- Thank you for considering The Right to Life Australia Inc. as a beneficiary of your will and helping us to continue our work in the future.

Please ensure the correct details for our organisation are recorded in your will.

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Netherlands Euthanized Over 6,300 Patients in 2019, and that number may be too low

There is a seven-fold unexplained variation in rates of euthanasia across The Netherlands, reveals an analysis of health insurance claims data, published online in the journal *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*.

It's not clear if these differences relate to underuse, overuse, or even misuse, say the researchers.

Official data show that the number of euthanasia cases has risen more or less continuously since 2006, reaching 6,361 in 2019. These cases make up just a small proportion of all deaths, but they have doubled from just under 2% in 2002 to just over 4% in 2019.

To explore this further, the researchers analysed national insurance data, covering all healthcare claims for 12 months preceding the deaths of Dutch residents between 2013 and 2017.

The focused on Euthanasia carried out by family doctors, which comprised 85% of all euthanasia cases, to calculate rates for 90 regions, 388 municipalities, and 196 districts in the three largest Dutch cities, Amsterdam; Rotterdam; and The Hague.

Some 25,979 claims for euthanasia were made between 2013 and 2017, with slightly more men than women opting for the procedure every year. The average age increased from 71 in 2013 to 73 in 2017.

The numbers of procedures varied widely across the country. The regions with the highest proportion of euthanasia cases as a proportion of all deaths, referred to as the euthanasia ration, had roughly five times more euthanasia deaths than in the regions with the lowest.

There were also striking differences between the three largest cities in the Netherlands.

In Amsterdam, in the three districts with the highest rates of Euthanasia, the proportion of these deaths was between nearly 12% and around 14.5% higher than in Rotterdam, where the proportion remained more or less static at around 6%. In The Hague the rate of Euthanasia in the three districts with the highest rates of euthanasia, the proportion of these deaths rose from nearly 7.5% to more than 11%.

Throughout the five years, the rate in the top three municipalities was 25 times higher than that of the bottom 3.

Age, church attendance, political orientation, income, subjectively assessed health, and availability of community volunteers all emerged as potentially influential factors.

For example, in regions with relatively high numbers of 45-64 year olds, people were more likely to opt for euthanasia while in regions with a high proportion of church goers, they were less likely to do so.

Similarly, progressive political views were associated with higher rates of euthanasia while a higher percentage of community volunteers was linked to lower rates.

Higher rates of euthanasia were also associated higher household income and good self-reported mental and physical health, possibly because the well off and the healthy may be more inclined to ask for assistance in dying when they do suffer, suggest the researchers.

Life News Note: Michael Cook is editor of BioEdge where this appeared.

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WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO – CORINNA FROM GAWLER SA (cont.)

Next, Corinna got to work – she typed out a letter of opposition to the bill and went down her main shopping st in Gawler. In approx. 5 hours she went into most of the shops with a petition to sign - out of asking 101 people gained 91 signatures. As Corinna said almost all the shopkeepers and others who signed the petition did not know of the bills' existence. All commented that they were appalled, shocked, disgusted – in disbelief that their Members of Parliament would think such a bill would be necessary. Just as she had finished gaining these signatures' she saw her local MP The Hon Tony Piccolo. She explained to him what she had done – in short he replied that he would vote against the bill.

In addition to the petition on Thursday night 28/1/2021 Corinna phoned up talk back Radio Station 5AA and shared her opposition to the bill. Unlike most of the SA media, Mr Alan Rymer was open to hearing all views. He then had 4 hours of talk back on 31/1/21 where the vast majority were against the bill. Also, she has been protesting regularly in front of the SA Parliament holding signs such as: “11/21 MP's voted yes to sex selective abortion” and “Did your MP vote for more girls to be aborted than boys? 11/21 MP's did!” These signs visibly shocked passersby and more information leaflets were taken from the other protesters.

Today 25/2 I called Corinna, she is very displeased - that her MP Tony Piccolo voted ‘Yes’ in the Legislative Assembly to the bill on Friday 19th Feb. Not to be deterred she is planning to go to see him personally. She will ask him to justify his vote when between 60 and 90% of the population are against the bill. She will also write to all newspapers arguing the same point. She exclaimed – we must hold these MP's to account!