

## INFANT VIABILITY BILL CALL TO ACTION



**Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins**

Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of the unborn.

At long last a courageous M.P. Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins has put her hand up to strike the first substantial blow for the unborn in this State. As we know babies in the womb in Victoria –also in the A.C.T. and Tasmania - have no protection whatsoever.

They can be killed up to birth. Many people find it hard to believe. And sadly - many more people don't want to know about it!

Putting it simply, Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins' bill is aimed at stopping abortions after 20 weeks of gestation.

Naturally she'd like it to encompass all abortions, but she has to hasten slowly. It will be a real battle to get anything through the Parliament but think of William Wilberforce and his many attempts to defeat slavery.

Will she be successful?

It all depends on us.

If we can put our shoulder to the wheel – we may, please God – have success!

Expressions of interest are sought for positions of Legislative Assembly Electorate Captains and Legislative Council Regional Co-Ordinators for the upcoming campaign to pass Rachel Carling-Jenkins' Infant Viability Bill. It will be read for the second time in February 2015 and is expected to be debated in late May. She wants an Electorate Captain for each Assembly electorate and a Regional Co-Ordinator for each Legislative Council region. We are putting out a call for anyone interested to contact us – 9385 0100 or email at [rtl@rtlust.com](mailto:rtl@rtlust.com).

In the U.S.A. 12 States have banned abortions over 20 weeks: Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.



**20 week preborn child**

## Discrimination at work!

This beautiful baby girl was killed in a traffic accident in Queensland in August 2014 – just a week before she was due to be born.

The story on page 2 illustrates the gross discrimination applied to babies in the womb – even at 39 weeks of pregnancy.

If the mother had delivered the child and if she had been travelling home from hospital in her capsule and the same accident had occurred- the driver would have had to be given a very stiff penalty.

Ironically even the mother stresses that she doesn't want access to abortion affected in the process!

– Margaret Tighe



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## **Discrimination at work! cont. Her Unborn Baby Was Killed at 39 Weeks, But Australia Says Little Sophie Isn't a Human Being**

MICAHIL BILGER, LIFESITE NEWS JAN 14, 2016

Sarah Milosevic was due to give birth in just one week when her unborn baby girl died in a crash caused by a drunk driver.

The Guardian reports that the driver, Rodney Leigh Shaw, 33, was convicted of driving offenses, fined \$950 and had his licenses suspended for five months but nothing more. In Australia, where the incident occurred, unborn babies are not recognized as victims of violence under the law.

That's something Milosevic is on a mission to change. The grieving mother created an online petition on change.org calling for Australian legislators to grant full human rights for unborn babies after 30 weeks gestation, according to the report. Her petition has more than 93,000 signatures so far, the report states.

Baby Sophie died in the womb and was stillborn at 39 weeks gestation as a result of the accident.

The report continues:

*On Wednesday Milosevic announced she had secured a meeting with Queensland attorney-general, Yvette D'Ath.*

*... In a statement accompanying her online petition, Milosevic said Sophie was stillborn after the crash and said the following 18 months had been "hell".*

*"Instead of bringing my baby girl home I had to plan her funeral – I was that close to the end of my pregnancy," she said.*

*"And now the man responsible gets away with it because she was stillborn and has no rights in a court of law. I want that law changed. I want all babies past 30 weeks of gestation to have the right to be classed as a human being. I want pregnant women protected against acts of violence and against their babies dying because of an avoidable cause."*

**ACTION:** Write to the Premier and Attorney General, asking that Sophie's law be introduced to acknowledge the loss of preborn babies in traffic accidents.

The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk, Premier, P.O. Box 15185, City East, Queensland 4002, telephone 3719 7000. Email: [Inala@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Inala@parliament.qld.gov.au).

The Hon. Yvette D'Ath, P.O. Box 936, Redcliffe, Qld. 4020, tel: 3448 7100 Email: [attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au).

Go to [change.org](http://change.org) and sign the petition – Australia and Sarah Milosevic.

## **Letter from the President**



Dear Friends of Life,

Like me, I'm sure you were appalled at the campaign being driven by Fairfax Media in the Melbourne Age promoting legalisation of physician assisted suicide.

Recently, the Age excelled itself with the glowing account of the deaths of an 87 year old Melbourne couple in a suicide

pact which was condoned by their daughters. The reason? Increasing old age. Life no longer worth living! Go out whilst the going is good!

Imagine the impact on those who may be old and lonely! How many more copycat suicides will occur because of this?

Yet we have suicide prevention programs and there are calls for more government funds for these.

Do those who promote the "Good Bye cruel world" theory only want suicide prevention for the young – but not for the elderly? Let's face it. More and more people are living till they are in their nineties. And living till 100 is now quite common. Caring for old folks is quite costly and some aged care places leave a lot to be desired.

In Melbourne, we have a parliamentary Committee examining "end-of-life-choices!" What will be their recommendations? I hate to think! Clearly the siren song of the suicide promotion for the elderly mob will be to give people a "choice." We must be ready to oppose these assaults on human life.

In life

Margaret Tighe

## **Vic Parliament Protest**

Des Kelly's group continues to remind politicians of the right to life of everyone. Please join them at the Macarthur St entrance to Melbourne Parliament House on sitting days, from 8 – 9.30am.

Contact Des on 9561 3784 or [deskelly3150@bigpond.com](mailto:deskelly3150@bigpond.com).  
Sitting days are: Feb 9,10,11,23,24,25, Mar 8,9,10,22,23,24.





## Pregnancy Counselling Australia – Such vital work

*Ever since the establishment of Right to Life Australia, which developed out of Right to Life Victoria (previously known as the Right to Life Association of Victoria) we have always directed some of our resources to reaching out to offer help to women facing an unplanned pregnancy.*

*An outstanding voluntary worker in this field was the late Eileen Doyle who worked tirelessly to save the lives of babies threatened with abortion.*

*Nothing was too much trouble for Eileen who often accommodated these mothers in her own home.*

*Frequently she would say, "They never came back and told us they're sorry they had the baby – but they do come back and tell us they're sorry they had that abortion."*

*Her motto was, "There is no problem so great that a mother should have to kill her baby."*

*Today Pregnancy Counselling Australia consists of a 24 hour telephone help line for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Lois Dean – voluntary co-ordinator for Pregnancy Counselling Australia describes the work they do - Margaret Tighe*



Lois Dean

*"For those of you who have not yet met me, let me introduce myself..."*

*I have been married to Alan for 41 years. We are the proud parents of 6 children, and grand-parents to 6 grandchildren. Alan and I, with our youngest 3 children, spent 10 years in China where my husband taught English. We also were working with abandoned children and helping the families of children with special needs. Our youngest 2 children are*

*adopted - one from mainland China and one from Hong Kong.*

*On our return to Australia in 2012, I felt God's call to advocate on behalf of unborn babies and became a volunteer counsellor with PCA in 2013. I stepped into this role as volunteer Coordinator for PCA in Feb this year.*

*All our counsellors share a passion not only for unborn babies but also for women who face unplanned pregnancies.*

*Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."*

*We are those who are speaking up for the unborn babies who cannot speak for themselves.*

*Also Psalm 31: (ICB)*

*13 I have heard many insults.*

*Terror is all around me.*

*They make plans against me.*

*They want to kill me.*

*This makes me think of that small unborn baby nestling in what should be the safety and security of their mother's womb, listening to their mother, their father, doctors - plotting to take their life away.*

*The next verses are my prayer on behalf of every unborn baby whose mother or father, grandmother or grandfather calls our line.*

*14 Lord, I trust you.*

*I have said, "You are my God."*

*15 My life is in your hands.*

*Save me from my enemies' grasp.*

*The knowledge that every conception is precious to God created in His image underpins our work as telephone counsellors for Pregnancy Counselling Australia.*

*However we work in a very hostile environment where babies are not always seen as blessings. Pregnancy may be the unwelcome product of a casual encounter; or the result of a loving, committed relationship however the timing is wrong – may be in the future but not now; or our family is complete - more babies were not part of our plan.*

### Pregnancy Counselling Australia – Such vital work

*The pro- choice movement has distorted the way many of our callers think – this is my body, my choice. The way the unborn baby is described pushes the truth aside – products of conception, foetus, blob of cells... And of course with the legalisation of abortion, people are lulled into thinking they are simply terminating a pregnancy not discarding a life.*

*Our dedicated counsellors selflessly give up their time to be available for women and men who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. We do this in the privacy of our own homes where it can be tempting to feel overwhelmed by the task before us. We depend on one another and support one another when we debrief at the end of our shifts. Our calls are often difficult involving complex circumstances where these women and men can see no way forward. Our task is to help them identify support networks in their lives and their own personal strengths that will enable them to make life-giving choices. Our challenge is to unravel the misconceptions, the untruths, the rhetoric of the pro- choice movement. To ascribe value to the life that has been created while still compassionately understanding the complexities of each woman's situation. As counsellors we are to listen attentively and kindly, as we gently engage the distraught caller to help her to calm down. To hopefully move each woman from the place of disbelief and shock of "Oh no I am pregnant!" to a place of recognising the value of the life that she is carrying and the possibility of continuing the pregnancy.*

*Although all our counsellors including myself are voluntary, this amazing service costs Right to Life Aust. money to run – the phone line, our training, advertising, admin charges etc.*

*We are very grateful for the input of Zoe Broomhead, a beautiful godly woman and accredited Christian counsellor with Living Life Counselling Service. Zoe has undertaken the final assessment of all our new volunteers as well as providing valuable ongoing training for us all. Psychologist Teresa Ma has also been assisting us with training and face to face counselling. The professional services of these ladies also cost money.*

*I would like to thank all our dedicated volunteer counsellors and especially my committee who have given me so much support this year. And our service would simply not function without our voluntary roster coordinator, Graham Neal.*

*– Lois Dean*

## W.A. Attorney-General tip-toes through the tulips

– Margaret Tighe

The Sunday Times 29/11/16 reveals how politicians dodge doing anything that might affect in any way the issue of abortion.

Excerpts: "Foetal Law no closer" by Kate Campbell  
 "Long awaited foetal homicide laws face more delays and uncertainty amid revelations they are being rolled into a domestic violence package."

Attorney-General Michael Mischin told the Sunday Times this week *"any changes to laws relating to unborn children will be included as part of the package of domestic violence laws currently being developed."*

His predecessor Christian Porter, now the Federal Social Services Minister, vowed in February 2012 that he would introduce foetal homicide laws by the end of that year targeting offenders who kill or seriously harm an unborn baby by assaulting a pregnant woman or by dangerous driving.

The historic laws would have given the life of an unborn child legal status for the first time.

But Mr Mischin said the legislation stalled because a number of "highly complex legal issues" were encountered during the drafting process."

On 2nd December 2015, the Hon Kate Doust asked in Parliament, *"Since May 2013 I have asked about the progress of the drafting and introduction of foetal homicide laws into this Parliament."*



Kate Doust. ALP South Metro Region

*On the last occasion, on 20 August 2015, the Attorney General said a bill had been drafted and he intended to introduce it shortly. It is now December 2015 and we still have not seen the bill. Is the Attorney general –*

- (a) misleading the house;
- (b) incompetent; or
- (c) lazy?

Hon Michael Mischin: *"It is my view that the legislation, to the extent that it is required to change the law, is better presented as part*

*of a package of legislation to deal with domestic and family violence that is currently being prepared and proposed to be introduced into this place early next year."*

Look at Zoe's law in N.S.W. It passed the Lower House but that's as far as it goes. It was designed to recognise that the death of an unborn child in a traffic accident should attract a penalty. But – you've guessed it!

Because of an uproar on the part of "wimmin" the bill appears to have bitten the dust!

In Queensland, some years ago, Independent M.P. Liz Cunningham did have some success with a bill to penalise a father who carried out an deliberate assault on the mother to kill her unborn child. But- as you would have guessed it doesn't apply to abortion!

– Margaret Tighe



## MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE



Rally for Life at Queens Park 26/2/14. Photo: Alan Edgecomb

Gather in King George Square on Saturday 5 March 2016 at 2.45pm for a 3pm start for the March For Life Brisbane (previously known as the Rally For Life). This year we will march from the Square down to Speaker's Corner outside Old Parliament House (opposite the Botanical Gardens) where there will be some short speeches. Please bring a donation to offset the costs of the event. Help is needed to inflate balloons and also to be marshalls during the event. Please contact Cherish Life Queensland – Ph 07 3871 2445, email [info@cherishlife.org.au](mailto:info@cherishlife.org.au) if you are able to help.

### Every Little Helps

One of our members, Michael Long, who runs The Great Australian Mug, has offered to help our fund-raising by making coffee mugs with the Right to Life Australia logo embedded on both the front and back of each one. The 350ml mugs are high quality white china, and the dye sublimation process makes the logo dishwasher and microwave safe.



The cost of each mug is \$15.00, plus secure packaging and postage of \$10.00, a total of \$25.00.

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# The Preston Report

4/12/15 – Hobart Court - On the first day of the hearing (relating to the arrests for protesting within 150m of an abortion clinic) only two prosecution witnesses gave their testimony - the arresting police officer and a "passing woman" .... She said that she was not



**Graham Preston campaigning**  
- photo by Mishka Gora

a client at the clinic but was upset and intimidated by my being there, especially by the baby photo, and was very hesitant about walking past me. Despite her trepidation she decided to talk to me and claimed that I intimidated her, laughing at her mockingly and saying that those going into the "clinic" were murderers. I don't talk like that and my lawyers challenged her testimony but she was adamant.

In the lunch-break afterwards however a rather extraordinary revelation was made by the woman to the prosecuting lawyer - she had actually recorded the conversation and when he listened to it, it was very little like what she had said! He was obliged to in turn give the recording to my lawyers and when this was told to the magistrate the woman was required to come back to court on the Friday to be re-examined in view of the recording.

The recording was played to the court and in it you hear her initiate the conversation by saying "Hi", there is no use of the word "murderers" by me and at the end she thanks me for the talk we had! She didn't seem to be the slightest bit intimidated so virtually all her testimony was either untrue or greatly exaggerated. Why she decided to hand over the recording is hard to understand and even at the end of the exposure she was still completely unrepentant.

The prosecutor tried to say that the baby photo was intimidating for women going for an abortion. I rejected that there is anything intimidating about a photo of such a beautiful normal, healthy baby (earlier he had defined "intimidating" as being fear-inducing).

Neither lawyers had time to present their closing submissions. The soonest day that everyone had available for the hearing to resume was February 24.... Then there may be another one to two months before the magistrate will give her decision!

**Graham**

*Rescue those being led away to death. Proverbs 24:11*

## Wanted: benefactor / free or low cost office space

Our lease finishes in April and we are looking for cheaper premises. We need about 100 square metres for 6 desks, table, copier, server and bookcases. Do any of our members or supporters have free or low cost office space near Melbourne? If you can help please call us **03 9385 0100**.



**FEBRUARY 10 – MARCH 20**

**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE**

From February 10 to March 20, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city – and beyond.

### VIGIL LOCATION

**MELBOURNE:** Fertility Control Clinic, 118 Wellington Pde.  
East Melbourne, Victoria. 0406 322 694

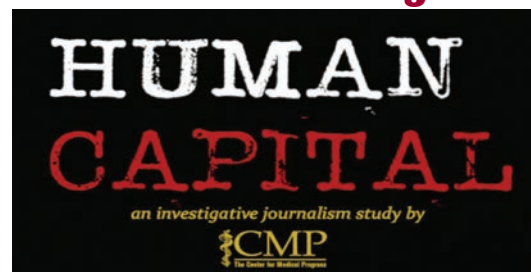
**BRISBANE:** Marie Stopes, 8 Campbell Street. Bowen Hills,  
Queensland 07 3149 3289, 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com

**PERTH:** Dr Marie - Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic, at 8 Sayer  
Street Midland. 0439 657 597, Joanne13@iprimus.com.au;

**ADELAIDE:** Pregnancy Advisory Centre, 21 Belmont Terrace,  
Woodville Park. Alan 0412 389 875, itm54au@gmail.com

**OTHER LOCATIONS:** visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

## Planned Parenthood and the Center for Medical Progress



Watch the summary videos of specific undercover meetings from CMP's Human Capital project documenting Planned Parenthood's sale of baby body parts.

Go to <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/cmp/investigative-footage/>

CMP Statement on Planned Parenthood Lawsuit

Planned Parenthood is under investigation by the United States Congress and multiple law enforcement agencies, while their business is drying up and the public is turning against their barbaric abortion for baby parts trade. Now they are filing a frivolous lawsuit in retaliation for CMP's First Amendment investigative journalism that has done nothing more than tell the truth about Planned Parenthood's lawless operations. This last-ditch move of desperation is going to expose all of the sordid dealings of the California Planned Parenthood affiliates to the light of the legal system and the public will see them for the corrupt abortion and baby body parts profiteers that they really are.

## Unrecognised consequences of euthanasia legislation



By Dr John Buchanan MB.BS, M.Med, DPM, FRACP, FRANZCP, Consultant Psychiatrist in private practice

### Problems with proposals for Assisted Suicide legislation Some advocate legislation for Assisted Suicide.

*But, the problems in end-of-life care are mainly clinical management*

*and communication problems. There are major consequences of assisted suicide legislation. If it was accepted that doctors participate in taking the life of patients (even with narrow criteria) it would institute a major change to medical and social culture with many consequences.*

### It is not possible to establish adequate safeguards to such legislation

*The experience of assisted suicide and euthanasia in the Netherlands and Belgium show clearly that consequences of assisted suicide legislation are:*

- creeping extension of the criteria to include euthanasia without request,
- euthanasia of non-terminally-ill people,
- euthanasia of people with psychiatric illness eg. . non- terminally ill people with grief and suicidal thought from Depression have been euthanased.

These consequences of assisted suicide legislation are both inevitable (as the Netherlands and Belgian experience shows) and unacceptable in a civilized society. There are case examples in the detailed submission.

**There is a risk of subtle coercion, with a serious risk of elder abuse.**

**Most International Reports on assisted suicide and euthanasia have rejected the proposal because of the impossibility of adequate safeguards, and the consequences for the community.**

**Most major medical organisations (eg. The World Medical Association) are opposed to assisted suicide/euthanasia while advocating active palliative symptom control.**

**Potential changes to our legislative framework.**

**No legislation is required to create 'certainty'; a doctor whose treatment is directed at purely symptom-control has nothing to fear.** There may be a lack of understanding by some doctors of existing legal provisions.

**The process of consideration of legislative change for assisted suicide must recognize that a law change affects ALL citizens.**

*Responsible legislators must consider all the (poorly recognised) consequences of Assisted Suicide legislation, taking into account evidence from Belgium and Netherlands of extension of euthanasia and assisted suicide to groups other than terminally ill people.*

*Debate about euthanasia and assisted suicide has, in the past, been focused on the individual and framed as a conflict between asserted autonomy and sanctity of life arguments. Autonomy of an individual cannot be absolute, because others in the community are affected by a law change.*

*But the key matter to understand is the ripple effect of detrimental consequences flowing from making the taking of life a type of medical treatment, changing the culture of illness management, and opening the door to the taking of life of any individual who is perceived as suffering, even without the use of available conventional treatment.*

**Assisted suicide legislation typically proposes 'adequate safeguards'.**

*Consideration of the practicality of process reveals:*

- the impossibility of adequate safeguards (there will always be someone who will sign),
- the impossibility of excluding subtle coercion of seriously ill people,
- and the likelihood of elder abuse.

*It is submitted that evidence from the Netherlands and Belgium leads to the conclusion that assisted suicide legislation is unsafe legislation because of the impossibility of adequate safeguards, the inevitability of widened criteria, and the likelihood of elder abuse and mistreatment of people with depressive illness especially.*

*Komesaroff and Charles have proposed in their article 'A minimalist legislative solution to the problem of euthanasia'. [in MJA 202(9). 18 May 2015]. As the authors state, there have been no prosecutions of Australian doctors, so by implication existing legislation is sufficient. Their proposal would in effect allow euthanasia and assisted suicide to be constrained only by a doctor's unverifiable belief. It would still allow crossing of the line such that medical staff would participate in the deliberate ending of life- a major change to the concept of medical treatment, with many consequences.*

### Recommendations

#### Recommendation 1.

That knowledge about palliative care which is already available amongst specialized medical and nursing practitioners (but as yet inadequately used) is made more available. In other words there is a need for expansion of palliative care principles to general medicine. Better practice of palliative care in the general medical community would go a long way towards relieving current suffering.

#### Recommendation 2.

*There is a need to make clarification of 'the goal of care' explicit in all medical care, especially all hospital admissions of seriously ill people, at the time of admission*

*Require medical staff to discuss and clarify the goal of care with the family of all hospital admitted patients, at the time of admission.*

*This should become part of standard admission procedure.*

#### Recommendation 3.

*Better publication of information of Advance Care Directives to raise public awareness. Also a refocus on wording would be helpful: the point is not refusal of ALL treatment, BUT clarification of the GOAL of treatment (ie. cure OR symptom-control palliation), and the circumstances in which the ACD would apply.*

**"The main problems in clinical care are those of poor knowledge of palliative care and poor communication. There is no need for further legal protection of doctors whose behaviour is directed at palliative symptom control."**  
– Dr John Buchanan





## Nitschke tells medical board to go to blazes

by Michael Cook, Mercatornet, 28 Nov 2015

It took only a month for Australia's leading right-to-die activist to tire of life without being able to teach people how to kill themselves. Philip Nitschke, who retained his medical registration last month only by agreeing not to promote suicide, has reneged.

In a dramatic press conference, he burned his medical practising certificate and announced that he would aggressively promote rational suicide. He said in a press statement:

*30 years ago I left the Territory to study medicine in Sydney, 5 years later I returned and began my medical career here in this city, in Darwin Hospital. Today, and with considerable sadness, I announce the end of that 25 year medical career. I confirm this decision by burning my medical practicing certificate. ....*

However, he also asserted his right to use the title "doctor", which medical authorities are likely to contest. He said defiantly:

*I will remain a "Doctor" and will legitimately use that title, and I will continue to see patients/ Exit members in my euthanasia clinics that I run in Australia, in Darwin and Adelaide, and in other countries. Indeed while in Darwin this visit I will be seeing two terminal patients who have sought my advice.*

Once again, he insisted that suicide is a fundamental right.

### SILVER CIRCLE - Help Our Fundraising For Pregnancy Counselling Aust

	1st Prize (\$100)	2nd Prize (\$40)
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December 2015	Noreen Dooley, Airey's Inlet	Katy Ducker, Fig Tree Pocket, Queensland

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Money raised is provided to Pregnancy Counselling Australia

## Anti-Helper Law

In December 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the "Health and Well-being (Safe Access Zone) Amendment Bill. This makes it illegal to peacefully pray and offer to help women within 150 metres of an abortion mill. It violates freedom of speech and assembly. This law is not needed to prevent harassment and intimidation as there are already laws that do that e.g. the Summary Offences Act. One politician said he wanted abortion to be "free and easy."

It has yet to commence, the default date being 1/7/2016.



Fertility Control Clinic, 118 Wellington St. East Melbourne

The zone of 150 metres is extraordinary, and includes churches and a university near the Marie Stopes abortuary in East Melbourne. The penalty is 12 months jail or \$18 000. Women are denied any alternative to abortion. Once the woman is in the abortuary, no one gets paid – the receptionist, the cleaners, the landlord, the abortionist and nurses – unless the abortion is performed. Is the woman going to get independent counselling? And why won't they allow the woman to see the ultrasound of her baby? So much for their deceptive euphemism of "choice!"

The Helpers plan to challenge this unconstitutional and evil law.

### New Year – Time to set your priorities – Update your Will

Do you ever wonder, "What will come out of what I do today?"

Would you like something you do today to live beyond your life?

Leave a legacy to The Right to Life Australia, so that when you die, you help someone to live.

"I bequeath to the Right to Life Australia, ABN number 12 774 010 375, the sum of \$xxxx (or xx% of my estate), for the general purposes of The Right to Life Australia, 161A Donald St. East Brunswick, Vic 3057."

On behalf of the most vulnerable members of our human family,  
THANK YOU

The Right to Life Australia also recommends that you complete a Power of Attorney, so that a person you trust makes decisions about your health treatment if you cannot, rather than a hospital or nursing home. Do this at the same time that you update your Will.





## EUROPE - Euthanasia declaration fails badly at European Parliament

By Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition – International Chair

Only 95 out of the needed 751 Members of the European Parliament voted in favor of a declaration supporting euthanasia.

The Declaration on the dignity at the end of life had been signed by 95 MEP's in three months. The declaration, sponsored by Elena Valenciano from Spain, required the support of 751 MEPs. The Declaration called on the European Commission and the Council of the European Union to identify best practices across the European Union with regard to the provision of end-of-life health services and to facilitate the exchange of those practices between EU countries. Specifically the declaration stated, "All European citizens, regardless of their nationality, who are in an advanced or terminal phase of an incurable illness, causing unbearable physical or mental suffering that cannot be alleviated, should be able to benefit from medical assistance to end their life with dignity"—euthanasia.

*Editor's note. This appeared at alexschadenberg.blogspot.com*

## GERMANY - German Jewry applauds defeat of liberalized assisted suicide laws

JEWISH JOURNAL 10/11/2015 BY TABOOLA

Assisted suicide laws will not be liberalized in Germany, a move that the country's Jewish community had vigorously opposed.

The Bundestag decided not to legalize organizations that promote or offer assisted suicide and to continue barring doctors from offering such assistance as a regular medical service.

Lawmakers instead toughened the national stance against commercialized assisted suicide. Such acts will now be punished with up to three years in jail, even if a doctor claims to have acted to relieve a patient's suffering. The bill was passed on Friday with 360 out of 602 votes, Reuters reported.

Dr. Josef Schuster, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told the Bayerischen Rundfunk broadcasting company that he was "relieved" at the decision on easing assisted suicide laws "after a long, serious, and sometimes emotional debate."

Euthanasia is a particularly sensitive topic in Germany, as an estimated 200,000 people – most of them mentally and physically disabled – were murdered in the Nazi "euthanasia" program, their lives considered "unworthy" by the state.

Schuster, a medical doctor and member of the Central Ethics Committee of the German Medical Association, also said that he hoped the law would improve hospice and palliative care for the terminally ill as "a true alternative to assisted suicide."

Organizations that promote assisted suicide in Germany said they were disappointed in the decision, which they said removed an important alternative for some terminally ill people and their families.

## USA - Victory in New Jersey, NJ Alliance Release Quotes NDY Advocate Kate Blisard - Assisted Suicide Bill Dies in New Jersey Senate

-JANUARY 13, 2016 by DIANE COLEMAN

**An important victory that bolsters opposition nationwide.** Trenton, NJ – *"The New Jersey Alliance Against Doctor-Prescribed Suicide applauds the New Jersey Senate for recognizing the dangers to older people and those with disabilities and allowing S 382, legislation to legalize assisted suicide, to die without a vote on the floor of the Senate,"* stated **Kate Blisard** of Not Dead Yet. *"People are surprised to learn that all major national disability groups that have taken a position on the issue oppose the legalization of assisted suicide because the dangers of misdiagnosis, coercion and abuse put us at great risk."*

The message was loud and clear: *"I can help you die ..."* *If my family had listened to the doctors ...*

*"A bi-partisan group of New Jersey Senators took the time to listen to the disability-rights community and to understand why it is important that doctor-prescribed suicide not become law in New Jersey,"* continued Democratic Senator Peter Barnes. *"It became clear that this bill would have a detrimental impact on vulnerable populations and expose them to abuse, coercion and possible denial of health care because it costs more than suicide drugs. While the bill's few, vocal supporters educated legislators as to their personal concerns, it became clear that there are other solutions than doctor-prescribed suicide to address end-of-life pain. For that reason, there was never a groundswell of support for this bill and, on balance, we heard from many more voices opposed to this bill."*



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## U.K. - Eminent scientist warns against gene-editing of human embryos

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Dr James Sherley, one of the world's leading adult stem cell scientists, warned against the new proposals as the UK's embryology regulator considers an application to allow human gene-editing for the first time in the U.K. At present such embryos would by law have to be destroyed.

Dr Sherley described the research as "unethical"

and "unscientific". He said that, as a scientist, he "understands the curiosity and ambition of investigators who wish to undertake these frontier studies in human biology," but said that such studies do not "make destroying innocent humans permissible. Embryos are living human beings. Gene-editing research as proposed in the UK would ultimately kill every human embryo whom it edited."

Dr Sherley pointed out that the proposed gene-editing was a move further down the unethical path started by human embryonic stem cell research, which also kills embryos in the process. That path was leading to the temptation in the future to create 'designer babies', he said, arguing: "It is a lot harder to stop a train once it is speeding down the tracks".

Pointing to this future danger, Dr Sherley added: "The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) should consider the longer-term consequences of approval of human embryo gene-editing research. Gene-edited babies would be exposed to many life-long risks without the possibility of their consent."

"The ethical, moral, and scientific thing to do would be to ban this research altogether", as well as embryonic stem cell research, concluded Dr Sherley.

Dr Sherley is a specialist in the study of stem cells which can be derived from adults and from other ethical sources, such as the umbilical cord blood of newborn babies.

## AFRICA, GHANA - 16-Year-Old Dies After Taking Abortion Pill, Father Will Sue Friends Who Gave Her the Drug

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A 16-year-old girl in Ghana is dead after she took an abortion drug that her boyfriend and a female friend allegedly gave her to kill her unborn child.

Peace FM Online reports that the unnamed girl was taken to a hospital on Dec. 31 in Bogoso, Ghana, not long after she began complaining of abdominal pains and vomiting. . . However, her condition worsened so she was referred to the Tarkwa Government Hospital on January 1, 2016, where it was diagnosed that she attempted abortion. Supt. Asiwoko said the deceased's condition was not improving so she was transferred to the Effia-Nkwanta Regional Hospital. But before her transfer, the deceased mentioned her boyfriend and a female friend as those who gave her medicine to abort the pregnancy.

The police said on January 4, she died at the hospital on arrival and the body was returned to Tarkwa Government Hospital.

Mr Eric Nsaah, the father of the deceased, said: "In fact, this is a great loss and a sad moment for me because my daughter was very intelligent and I love her so much and I have even registered her to write the upcoming Basic Education Certificate Examination although she was in [junior high school] two," he said.

Nsaah said he plans to take legal action against the suspects and seek justice for his deceased daughter.

Officials in the African nation said the unnamed boyfriend and female friend are in police custody. The report did not indicate the age of the girl's unborn child.