

Infant Viability Bill March

Saturday 21st May 2016 2pm

On the steps of Parliament House

Spring St. Melbourne

Speaker: Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins

Can we save babies from late term abortions?



Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins

In Victoria, in 2010, 366 babies over 20 weeks gestation were aborted, and in 2011, 378 babies over 20 weeks gestation were aborted. That is more than one baby per day. These figures are from the Victorian Report of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity, the latest published figures.

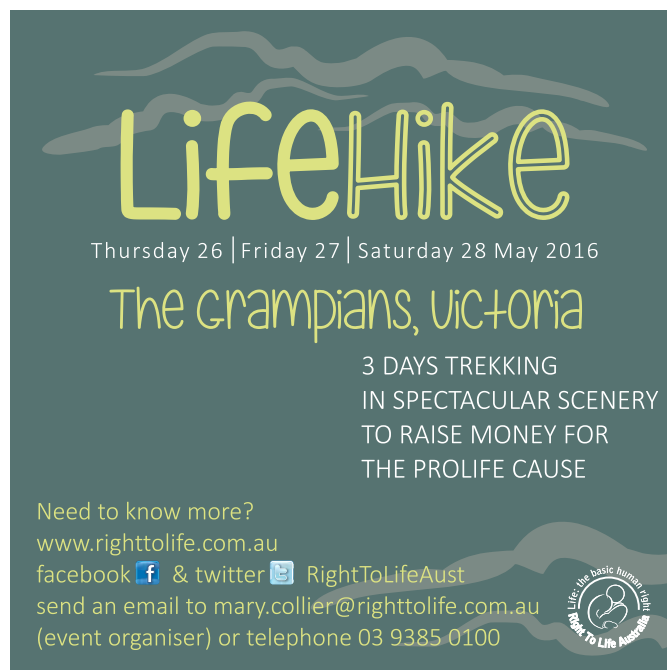
The Infant Viability Bill, read for the second time on 13th April by Rachel Carling-Jenkins and due to be debated in May 2016, will offer mothers over 24 weeks pregnant, holistic care instead of abortion.

The Infant Viability Bill has 3 parts - Mothers over 24 weeks gestation who are distressed must be referred to pregnancy support services appropriate to their needs - such as housing and accommodation, psychological counselling, emotional and social support and/or financial counselling. Besides saving the baby's life, this will help the mother deal with her problems. Currently abortion is viewed as an "easy" solution to a problem, but the abortion does not solve the problem; the problem remains, and gets entrenched or worse. The problem has to be addressed, so that the baby's life is saved and the mother is assisted. Pregnancy support services are available to meet the needs of mothers who are facing a difficult time. Abortion will not be offered to women over 24 weeks gestation - they will be offered assistance instead.



The second part of the Infant Viability Bill is that infants who are born after 24 weeks will be allowed to live. If there is a medical emergency which threatens the life of the mother, the baby will be induced and born alive, and given neonatal care, so that the baby will be provided with the means of continuing life. Abortion will not be offered, the baby need not be killed to remove the pregnancy. Both mother and baby will be cared for.


The third part of the bill contains offences against the doctor and medical institution that carries out an abortion over 24 weeks, not the mother, who can be in a very vulnerable state and often unduly influenced by the advice of a doctor or person close to her whom she might expect to help her.

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**Mary Collier
Event Organiser**

Challenge yourself – join us for our annual Life Hike 2016 and experience the rugged surrounds of The Grampians, North East Victoria. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow prolife walkers.

Now more than ever the preborn child is seen as a disposable item, with legislation allowing abortion up to birth, as well as banning those who peacefully protest outside abortuaries.

Bills to legalise euthanasia are currently tabled in South Australia and federally. Have your say in a concrete way by raising funds

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Letter from the President



The visit of Troy Newman – the sequel

The visit of U.S. activist Troy Newman to Australia last year was a great setback for the life movement.

Mr Newman and his colleagues in Operation Rescue in the U.S. had achieved substantial notoriety for the cause of life by successfully exposing the grisly trade in body parts of our aborted babies that flourishes courtesy

of Planned Parenthood in the U.S. This has led to legislative success in the Houses of Congress in the U.S. which proabortion President Obama has since vetoed.

Nonetheless the whole operation of exposing the reality of the abortion culture in the U.S. has been an outstanding success.

The injustice handed out to Troy Newman by our Immigration Department is nothing short of a complete denial of free speech aimed at those in Australia who work to uphold the right to Life of all especially those babies in the womb who have no protection. What is especially galling is the role in successfully stopping Newman's visit by proabortion M.P. Terri Butler, A.L.P. M.P. for Griffith Queensland and the proabortion Crikey.com!

The defence of the Immigration Minister Dutton and his Department is that Mr Newman decided to enter Australia without a visa! The truth is that Mr Newman had had his visa for two months and only received notification of its cancellation after he and his wife had embarked on their journey to Australia! In fact they were told of it at an American airport!

Well we did our best getting legal advice etc (costly) but with no success. As you know Mr Newman was detained and then promptly deported!

To add further insult to this injustice The Age newspaper, 3/2/16, published a rogue's gallery of those denied entry to Australia, And they were a veritable rogue's gallery! And there amongst them was law abiding Troy Newman with the following description, "The U.S. anti-abortion activist flew to Australia in October, despite his visa being cancelled. He was deported on the grounds that his views could lead to protests endangering women seeking abortions and the medical staff performing these procedures."

Ironically one of those in the rogue's gallery was David Irving – the infamous Holocaust denier – yet Troy Newman's visit to Australia was cancelled because of the unfair action of an abortion holocaust denier!

In life – **Margaret Tighe**



2015 Life hikers enjoy camaraderie and the great outdoors

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Infant Viability Bill March (cont.)

Why has 24 weeks been chosen? Because this is the age of undisputed viability, that is, if the ability to survive outside the womb. Viability increases with gestational time - over 24 weeks more than two thirds of babies born alive will survive, babies born earlier have a lower survival rate, but 24 week babies have survived. Whether or not they survive can depend on whether or not care is provided to the baby. This bill will bring the law up to date with medical technology and the knowledge and skill of our good doctors.

Many of you have seen ultrasounds of babies moving, kicking and responding to stimuli. Preborn babies feel pain, and abortion is a cruel and violent act. We are shocked to see cruelty to animals, so we want to stop this cruelty to our preborn brothers and sisters.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to get this bill passed. It will be debated most likely on 25th May in the Upper House – the Legislative Council. The politicians have told us that the most effective way of supporting this is to write handwritten letters to them. Find out your electorate and write to all of your 5 Upper House Representatives - they are supposed to be representing you - and tell them you want them to represent you in this most important matter, and vote for the Infant Viability Bill. There will be a conscience vote, so there is a respectable chance that this will get through the Upper House- but it will be close. Every letter is needed. There is strength in numbers. This is your opportunity to use your voice for the voiceless. By the end of May, it will be too late. Act now. Pick up your pen and write to **save the babies, help the mothers and change the law.**

We now have the opportunity now to save one baby per day. Victorians- please act on the enclosed Legislative Alert.

– **Katrina Haller**

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for our cause, for the voiceless. Gather your sponsors and raise \$1000.

Transport: Bus will leave from Melbourne RTLA office early 26 May returning back evening 28 May 2016

Meals: Gourmet cook Dianne Cutler has generously volunteered to cater for the Life Hike providing delicious homemade meals and snacks

Accommodation: Accommodation facilities are at Halls Gap Baptist Camp,.

After each day's walking we will return to the camp for meals and briefings.

Safety: The hike will be fully guided by experienced guides who are equipped for outdoor activities and ensure the safety of the group.

We hope you will join us this year.

Right To Life Update – The Western Front



Hon Nick Goiran MLC

Australia's Coroner resulting in inadequate responses, including a generalised remark that implied the babies were going to die anyway, so resuscitation was not necessary and would have caused distress to the mother.

During this investigation, I discovered that late term abortions had been performed for conditions such as Down Syndrome and even an upper limb abnormality. After months of probing, an annual report on post 20 week abortions that provides this information as well as all of the conditions that are said to justify the abortions and the gestation age at which the babies were terminated was commissioned by the Minister for Health. It has, however, not been tabled in Parliament.

It is a given that patient confidentiality must be respected. That right to confidentiality does not entitle medical professionals to a regime of limited accountability and no transparency. The law in Western Australia only allows abortions to take place after 20 weeks gestation if there is a severe medical condition which justifies the procedure. We cannot know if the law is being adhered to if the relevant report is kept secret to the same extent as matters of national security. No-one wants to know the names of the patients, but is it so much to ask what the severe medical conditions were that are said to have justified the procedures?

I am continuing to request the release of the report as well as pursuing avenues for an investigation into the deaths of the 20 Western Australians who were not given the same standard of medical care as the ordinary Western Australian is accustomed and entitled to.

Nick is the Member for the South Metropolitan Region. He was first elected in 2008. Prior to entering Parliament, Nick was a barrister and solicitor. He and his wife Jody have five children.

SILVER CIRCLE - Help Our Fundraising For Pregnancy Counselling Aust

	1st Prize (\$100)	2nd Prize (\$40)
January 2016	Paul Donohoe Richmond VIC	Mary Hart Kyneton VIC
February 2016	Patricia Harwood, North Melbourne	Kay Ducker, Fig Tree Pocket, QLD

Are you a good listener? Pregnancy Counselling Australia needs you!

We have an urgent need to train more counsellors

Pregnancy Counselling Australia is a 24/7 telephone counselling service for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Our compassionate, caring counsellors listen respectfully to the callers' situation. We then explore their options - ensuring they are fully informed of the possible consequences of their decisions. We are able to refer women to agencies all over Australia where they can receive the support that they need to continue their pregnancy.

Counsellors receive calls in their own home. The 1300 number is diverted to your phone line.

Your commitment:

- Initial training: 12 – 18 hours training. One-on-one training or in small groups.
- Telephone counselling: You must be available to fill at least 1 night shift/week or 4 hours/week on a day shift. A quiet, uninterrupted space is needed where you can receive calls. Callers will need your full attention.
- On-going training: 4 training days per year held at our Brunswick East office (Melbourne) on a Saturday. These on-going training days are mandatory.

If you are passionate about saving unborn babies, you're a good listener and you are willing to make an on-going commitment of time as out-lined above, please contact Lois at Pregnancy Counselling Australia – admin@pregnancycounselling.com.au or phone 0411391720 for more information.

Latest Appeal Response

Thanks so much to those of you who have responded so generously to our annual desperate appeal for funds. So far we have raised more than \$90 000, and the money is still coming in. Meanwhile we shall be calling for sponsorships for our intrepid hiker in this year's Life Hike

- Margaret Tighe



**Willing helper,
Heather Smyth, who is
contacting Churches
seeking support for the
Infant Viability Bill**



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Working on Dumping Trump



Kathy Edgeworth, our USA Correspondent

Please note: in the interest of full disclosure I should mention that I was elected a Cruz alternate delegate from Louisiana to the Republican National Convention.

Things are looking very interesting and abortion has

become an issue once again. To say we live in interesting times is an understatement.

As for the Democrats it would seem Mrs. Clinton will be the nominee, just more bruised than expected. She managed to annoy both side of the abortion debate by using terms like "person" and "child" which really angered the anti-life folks. She also talked about "reasonable" restrictions on third trimester abortions, although I wouldn't hold my breath. Sen. Bernie Sanders has virtually no chance of winning the Democratic Party's nomination, unless Hillary is indicted (for the email mess) or has a health crisis. Her problem is that a lot of Democrats, especially younger voters, don't like and don't trust her. Her challenge will be to get these voters to show up at the polls in November. Nobody expects any significant number of them to vote Republican, but If they don't vote, it could be 1968 all over again. That year many Eugene McCarthy supporters deserted the Democratic Nominee, Hubert Humphrey, and Richard Nixon was narrowly elected President.

Mr. Trump showed a lack of understanding of the abortion issue. Initially he took the universally unpopular position that women having illegal abortions should be punished, then backtracked. His campaign quickly said that when he stated the abortion laws should stay the same, he meant until he (Trump) becomes President. He is a deal-maker, not an issues person. His book is called "The Art of the Deal", for a reason.

For Republicans everything hinges on whether Mr. Trump has the required 1,237 votes on the first ballot. If not, what would happen is anybody's guess. Mr. Trump will certainly have a plurality but very possibly not a majority. If rule 40 (which allows only those people who have a majority of the delegates in at least eight states to have their names placed in nomination) stays in convention rules, it seems unlikely that anybody but Cruz or Trump can be nominated.

Trump has been doing a lot of complaining about his wins failing to give him a majority of delegates in some states, especially Louisiana. His people simply don't understand the difference between a plurality and a majority, nor the complex mechanism for choosing delegates. I won't bore you with too many details, but in Louisiana we had a caucus, a primary, and finally a state convention. Rules are different in each state and change with each presidential election. Admittedly, many Cruz supporters are long time party activists who understand how to use the rules to their candidate's advantage. In Louisiana, the Trump people failed to

listen to those on their side who know the rules. One of their incredible blunders was the failure by many of them to attend a delegates' meeting for which proper notice had been given. It was at that meeting that the members from Louisiana on the all-important Rules and Credentials Committees were elected.

Unlike Louisiana (in which at-large delegates are chosen from a list submitted by the candidates), in many states the candidates have little or no control over the identity of their delegates. Thus Mr. Trump could have some of his own delegates voting contrary to his interests on Rules or Credentials matters. Further, 53% of all delegates are unbound (free to vote for whomever they choose) after the first ballot.

These are Mr. Trump's weaknesses. If he is not nominated on the first ballot, Mr. Cruz's chances rise dramatically, as I see many of Mr. Trump's delegates deserting him for Mr. Cruz, and I see many of Mr. Rubio's delegates following suit.

The real danger for Republicans is the possibility that a major faction will feel unfairly treated and bolt. I'm not necessarily referring to the Trump or Cruz people. The renegades could actually be the "donor class", the Bush or Romney faction. Then heaven help the country and the world, it's 1912 and the country elects Hillary. The danger of such a split is the real limitation on Convention antics by any side. To quote Benjamin Franklin, "We must, indeed all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately".

SuperBowl Doritos ad a hit!

Perth-born filmmaker, Peter Carstairs created a 30 second advertisement for Doritos, using an ultrasound of his son, at Holmesglen TAFE for \$2000. He submitted it to Doritos for their competition to play at the SuperBowl. There were 4500 entries. It made the top 3, and Doritos released these for people to vote on. We asked people to vote for it.

The advertisement shows a dad waving a Dorito chip back and forth, and his preborn child following it back and forth. The mother furiously throws the chip to the end of the room and the preborn baby is seen to be following it, whereupon the nurse, mother and father scream!

Advertisers pay \$5 million for 30 seconds at the SuperBowl.



Anton Pergl, our I.T. officer, enjoying Doritos

Previous viewers were 114.4 million. This advertisement was shown at halftime and Pepsi Cola liked it so much, they paid \$5 million to have it shown a second time. The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League complained that the advertisement "humanized the foetus" (How can you humanize what is already fully human?) Congratulations to Peter Carstairs and Doritos for the stunningly successful advertisement.

MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE

What a blessing to have a slightly overcast and pleasantly cool day for the first (in the current era) March For Life Brisbane that was held on Saturday 5 March. This event is now set to replace the Rally For Life and will continue to be an annual event, marching in March.

The march was a powerful witness to those on the footpaths, in shops and restaurants in Brisbane city area as approximately 500 men, women and children holding bright balloons with pro-life messages and pro-life signs paraded through the streets from Queen's Park to Speaker's Corner for a short public address. The speakers were Daniel Edmonds, immediate past president of Redcliffe/Northern Suburbs branch of CLQ, Graham Preston from Right to Life Australia and Wendy Francis from the Australian Christian Lobby.

Many onlookers stopped and took videos and photographs of our event from the footpaths. We hope they all posted them to their Facebook pages, Instagram accounts or tweeted them as it would be great free publicity.

Unborn Baby dies in Bannockburn crash

The Age and Canberra Times, March 27, 2016 - Allison Worrall

An unborn baby has died following a horror car crash near Geelong on Easter Saturday. Two cars collided on the Midland Highway in Bannockburn about 4pm, police said.

A 31-year-old pregnant woman from Ballarat North suffered serious injuries and was flown to hospital, where her 31-week-old unborn child died. The death brings the state's road toll to 78, up 16 from the same time last year.

Although Victorian law does not recognise a fetus as a child until it has taken a breath, fetuses killed in car crashes that are more than 20 weeks are counted towards the state's road toll.

The above report in The Age and The Canberra Times of the tragic death of a 31 week bold baby in the womb, from a traffic accident, serves to illustrate the inconsistency of society's attitude to the unborn. Despite the law recognising the death of an unborn child from a traffic accident to be recorded by law as part of the road toll, the death of a child in the womb by an abortionist is rewarded by government funding!

– Margaret Tighe

Speaking of Inheritances

On one occasion several years ago, we sent one of our staff to attend a seminar on fundraising at which most of the major charities were represented.

He learnt that the major source of finance for large charities was from inheritances. So I especially appeal here to people who may not have any descendants or dependents and who may wish to leave a lasting legacy to a cause which seeks to uphold the basic value of every human life.

Because – if we lose respect for all human life – who will be safe?



Helpers stopped

- Paul Johnson LLB (abridged)

RTLA Management Committee member

The Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Act 2015 is a draconian piece of legislation passed through the Victorian Parliament in late 2015. Victoria Police have been advised that this law will be brought into effect as of 2 May 2016.

Police will be expected to prosecute any person acting in breach of this law. This will significantly restrict the religious and political rights of pro-life advocates and prayers within a 150 metre radius of the fenceline of any abortion provider in Victoria.

Why was the Act brought in?

1. Abortion clinics in Australia have a clear financial interest in carrying out abortions. Abortions are lucrative but 'turnarounds' are bad for business. The presence of prolife advocates including the Helpers of God's Precious Infants outside the front of these clinics results in both 'no-shows' and 'turnarounds' and this reduces abortion clinic business turnover each year.

2. The presence of the Helpers and other pro-life groups outside abortion clinics represents an ongoing challenge to the legitimacy of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 that legalised abortion to term in Victoria. Pro-abortion activists do not want the abortion industry being subject to ongoing scrutiny and challenge, and would prefer abortion to be 'normalised' in Australia. To their mind, this requires the removal of the voices defending the rights of the unborn close to where abortions take place.

3. The actual intention of the Act is to criminalise pro-life activity that would include communicating with persons attending to undergo an abortion to encourage these persons to consider options other than pregnancy termination. This appears to be a clear limitation on the implied right to freedom of political communication under the Australian Constitution.

The penalties under this Act are very severe. Each offence carries a potential fine of \$18,300 or imprisonment for up to 12 months.'

This law is similar to that passed in Tasmania, which has been challenged by the prolife activist Graham Preston. ... there is questionable evidence that his actions would have been reasonably likely to cause the complainant distress or anxiety. His case should be decided when a verdict is handed down on 11 May 2016."



Dr. Carolyn Gerster

The National Right to Life News 2/2/16 reported the death of Dr Carolyn Gerster at the age of 88. We were fortunate to have had a visit from her as a speaker. I had also a visit to her home in the U.S. Carolyn was one of the most outstanding American women I have ever met. Tall, good looking and always elegantly dressed, a successful cardiologist along with her husband Dr Josef Gerster, the mother of five boys and a totally dedicated prolifer. She had spent many years in the service of life – speaking, travelling for the National Right to Life Committee and endlessly raising the flag for life. May she rest in peace.

– Margaret Tighe

Senator Bob Day speaks against assisted suicide



In his speech against Senator David Leyonhjelm's "Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) 2015 Bill, on 2nd March 2016, Senator Bob Day specifically referred to indigenous people of the Northern Territory.

"Terminally ill people are overwhelmed, often depressed, easily influenced and extremely vulnerable. In truth, they have far

less autonomy during this time than at any other time in their lives. It is very likely that they will require their families and friends to routinely assist in their care. Tending to the needs of sick loved ones and sticking with them to the end is a dignified display of love and selflessness. Most importantly, it is a witness to outsiders of sacrificial love and familial obligation. For those who do the caring it forges a character of resilience, enabling them to persevere in times of trial. For those who do the dying, opportunities develop to reconsider past hurts and biases, for reconciliation and making peace.

"End-of-life moments can be the most powerful healing moments for the dying person and their loved ones.

"Assisted dying offers an alternative of evasion and abandonment. Family and friends cannot face the emotional investment or the painful reality of suffering. Even in the most loving of families, there are requests for doctors to refrain from dragging things out. It is often not the dying person but the family member who wants the suffering to end. In worst cases, there are ulterior motives for wanting the death of a relative. We are only beginning to understand the extent of elder abuse. We have to realise that in some cases what began as a well-intentioned exercise in being a carer for another person can become such a burden that dark thoughts and schemes develop, particularly where money is involved—be it real estate, funds, or the proceeds of a life insurance policy. No matter how many safeguards, checks or balances you have, the hunger for power, revenge or money can steer its way around many hurdles.

"...Public opinion has shifted dramatically toward considering assisted dying a patient's right and a physician's duty. ... Pressure on doctors to conform to patients' or relatives' wishes can be intense. Your complicity or your career. Enough is never ever enough. Perhaps that is why to date medical professional bodies' policies have been hesitant to endorse euthanasia. Why breach centuries of medical ethics?

"There are alternatives to prematurely ending a patient's life, such as improving our already excellent palliative care. In fact, a greater presence of such care may have made the Northern Territory euthanasia bill of 1995 unnecessary. During an inquiry in 2009, Professor Ray Lowenthal said:

"It is no coincidence that the previous Northern Territory euthanasia legislation was set up at a time the NT had no palliative care services

whatever. The instigator of that legislation, Mr Marshall Perron, has even been quoted as admitting that when he introduced the legislation into the parliament he had never heard of palliative care."

"Now that such care is widely available, the former act should stay where it is—dead and buried.

"...I pause for a moment when speaking of the Northern Territory, to highlight its higher percentage of Aboriginal people—many of whom do not live near hospitals. The Aboriginal population is not fond of euthanasia at all, and legislating it will create an environment where they are disinclined to seek health treatment for fear of involuntary euthanasia. Many people believe in supernatural healing. For some, euthanasia is sorcery and against customary law. Submissions from Aboriginal people to the Northern Territory Select Committee on Euthanasia were overwhelmingly against euthanasia. One submission from a Yolngu woman stated:

"We were and are nomads, hunters, food gatherers, ceremonial and cultural people who just, and will give, comfort and tender loving care to our terminally ill relatives. Because our terminally ill relatives know that they are dying they usually always want songs to be sung, they want to hear the last sound of their traditional songs and the sound of the didgeridoo and clapsticks." "

Please tell your Senators to oppose this bill!



The Good News

Another child for Rebecca and Ewan McDonald (a Right to Life Committee member) – a daughter Penny! Congratulations to both parents!



Kynetha Torcato, our efficient and pleasant part-time administrative officer, is completing her Accounting degree at Melb Uni.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – MURDER AND SUICIDE TO BE “CHOICES?”

Labor M.P. Stephanie Keys calls murder and suicide “Choices” - By Katrina Haller



Dr Katrina Haller on Weekend Sunrise 16/4/16 discussing euthanasia

The Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2016 by Stephanie Keys says it is “An Act to provide for choices at the end of life.” It allows adults, or another person on their behalf, to ask that their suffering be ended “at the time of their choosing.” Not only does it legalise medical practitioners to kill a person who has a medical condition, and is suffering physically or mentally “unbearable” and “hopeless” pain, it requires them to comply or face disciplinary action.

Paragraph 4(2) *“In determining whether a person’s suffering is unbearable, the degree to which a person’s suffering is bearable is to be determined subjectively, and need not meet an objective standard.”* Subjective means that it is up to the person to decide if it is unbearable, so a person can say, “My suffering is unbearable” and that fulfils the requirement.

Paragraph 4(3) *“The question of whether a person’s suffering is bearable or unbearable cannot be challenged or questioned in any proceedings seeking to prevent or delay the administration of voluntary euthanasia to an eligible person.”*

The request can be written or oral, *“Whether with the assistance of an interpreter or other person or otherwise.”* The assistance of another person opens up possibilities of duress, coercion and undue influence. It does not have to be initiated by a person – it can be initiated *“by or on behalf of a person.”* So another person can initiate a request that you are to be killed.

NO OFFENCE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

Section 9 provides that *“a person incurs no criminal or civil liability by-(a) providing medical information in relation to voluntary euthanasia; or (b) selling or supplying medical equipment to be used for a purpose relating to the administration of voluntary euthanasia.”* Currently it is an offence in every State of Australia to assist a person to commit suicide.

DOCTORS MUST LIE ON THE DEATH CERTIFICATE

Section 23 - Cause of Death

(1) For the purposes of the law of the State the cause of death of a person resulting from the administration of voluntary euthanasia

(a) will be taken to have been caused by the medical condition primarily responsible for the person’s unbearable and hopeless suffering; and

(b) will be taken not to be suicide or homicide.

LIFE INSURERS MUST PAY

Section 28 – Insurance

(1) An insurer is not entitled to refuse to make payment that is

payable under a life insurance policy on the death of the insured on the ground that the death resulted from the administration of voluntary euthanasia.

(2) a person is not obliged to disclose a request for voluntary euthanasia to an insurer.

(3) An insurer must not ask a person to disclose whether the person has made a request for voluntary euthanasia, Maximum penalty \$10 0000

(4) This section applies despite an agreement between a person and an insurer to the contrary.

South Australians – Please act on the enclosed Action Alert.

Nitschke responsible for Lucas’ death.

My son, Lucas, died as a direct result of his dealings with Philip Nitschke and Exit International. He was only 26.

Unbeknown to the family, Lucas had become suicidal. We will never know exactly why he was suicidal. He joined Exit International in September 2011 and was found dead some 5 months later. During that time Lucas was given step-by-step advice on how to obtain Nembutal, how to import it illegally and even how to put the police off the trail after the event

My son was physically healthy and suffered from depression.

There is no screening process. And no reason for killing yourself is ever sought by Nitschke or any other members of Exit.

In the time that Lucas was a member of Exit he was coached and encouraged by the other members to complete his suicide. Lucas purchased a testing kit from the Exit “store” in February 2012. He was found dead in March 2012. After his death, I read many of the conversations that were going back and forth on Exit’s web site. There were literally thousands of suicidal people, world wide, discussing the merits of Nitschke’s methods as outlined in his book, “The Peaceful Pill”. The conversations were very lively as if they

were discussing some new vitamin products. From time to time “Dr Ted” would be on line to answer personal medical questions. Dr Ted (who I believe was Nitschke) gave Lucas such advice.

Nitschke implies that the target group for his services are the elderly. I can assure you that Nitschke doesn’t have a target group. Anyone who pays the fees (\$80 annually) is a customer, no questions asked.

- Judi Taylor (Lucas’s mum)



Lucas and Judi Taylor



IRELAND

Voters Punish Leading Pro-Abortion Voices

Posted on 04/03/2016 to Irish News - Abortion - Politics

Many of the TDs most prominent in promoting abortion, and particularly Enda Kenny's 2013 abortion legislation, will not be returning to the 32nd Dáil. James Reilly (FG - Dublin Fingal), as Minister for Health, was the minister who steered the abortion legislation through the Oireachtas. In this, he was greatly assisted by Jerry Buttner (FG - Cork South Central), Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children. Other cheerleaders for the 2013 legislation, and indeed advocates for the British model of abortion on demand, who were punished by the voters included Alan Shatter (FG - Dublin Rathdown), Ciara Conway (LAB - Waterford), Aodhán Ó Riordan (LAB - Dublin Bay North), Alex White (LAB - Dublin Rathdown), Kathleen Lynch (LAB - Cork North-Central), Ann Phelan (LAB - Carlow-Kilkenny), Gíaran Lynch (LAB - Cork South-Central), Kevin Humphreys (LAB - Dublin Bay South), Anne Ferris (LAB - Wicklow), Dominic Hannigan (LAB - Meath East), and John Lyons (LAB - Dublin North-West).

AFRICA

The Elliot Institute News - April 1, 2016

From the Leader in Post-Abortion Research

The UnChoice Campaign: TheUnChoice.com

Experts to UN: Stop Pushing Abortion When Women Need Medical Care - Lianne Laurence

Although Africa has the highest maternal mortality rate in the world, an international abortion lobby is diverting desperately needed medical care from African mothers by pushing instead for increased access to contraceptives and legalized abortion across the continent, according to panelists at an event held during the two-week UN Conference on the Status of Women, CSW60.

"Most of the African communities actually believe by tradition, by their cultural standards, that abortion is a direct attack on human life," Obianuju Ekeocha, founder of Culture of Life Africa, told about 400 attendees at the March 17 presentation on "Best Practices for Maternal Health Care in Africa."

"So we are torn between that," and the suggestion from developed nations "who are also donors to African countries," that legalizing abortion will reduce maternal deaths, noted Nigerian-born Ekeocha.

"So one cannot help but ask, is this not another form of colonization? Is Africa going back to a time when we are going to be told what to do in order to save women's lives?"

Ekeocha was one of three panelists for the event, sponsored by three pro-life NGOs to the UN - Campaign Life Coalition, the UK-based Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) and REAL Women of Canada - and hosted by Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Holy See Permanent Observer to the UN.

"The true fact of it is that there is no real correlation between legal abortion and maternal health," Ekeocha said. "There is rather a real correlation between the standards of our health care systems and how women are actually surviving or dying."

"We need access to real prenatal health care, we need

skilled birth, we need care and support after birth," she said. "This is non-controversial."

Abortion is the Only "Solution" Offered

Panelist Dr. Robert Walley, founder of the Canada-based MaterCare International, pointed out that 91 percent of maternal deaths occur in "the last three months of pregnancy, during labor and delivery," or shortly afterwards.

"Abortion and birth control are irrelevant." Yet the "only solution being offered is, if a mother wants to stay alive, she's got to kill her baby," he said. "That's outrageous."

Walley recalled that in his practice in Canada, he had never had a mother die from a "direct obstetrical cause. But when he arrived in Nigeria in 1982, "I could not believe what I was seeing," he related. "We had four maternal deaths the first weekend I was there."

The major causes of maternal deaths, according to the World Health Organization statistics from 2012, are "hemorrhage, pregnancy-induced hypertension, and then a whole lot of other things, HIV, severe anemia, malaria," and obstructed labour, Walley said.

Nine percent of maternal deaths are the result of induced and spontaneous abortions, he said, and Ekeocha cited a more recent WHO figure of 3.9 percent of maternal deaths in Africa are due to induced abortions.

USA - South Carolina

South Carolina Senate Passes Pro-Life Bill Banning Late-Term Abortions After 20 Weeks

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South Carolina is one step closer to protecting unborn babies from painful, late-term abortions.

On Tuesday, a strong majority of South Carolina Senators passed the bill, known as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, to ban abortions after 20 weeks when an unborn child can feel pain; the vote was 36-9, according to the Associated Press.

The bill has exceptions in cases where the mother's life is in jeopardy and when doctors determine that the unborn baby has a fatal defect and cannot survive outside the womb, the report states. According to WSOC News 9, doctors who violate the legislation could face fines of up to \$10,000 and up to three years in prison.

The bill protects "pain-capable unborn children from savage late abortions that frequently tear the baby's body apart, limb by limb," South Carolina Citizens for Life Executive Director Holly Gatling said in an email.

Gatling said the bill had strong bi-partisan support. No Republican Senators opposed the bill, and nine of the 18 Democrat Senators voted in favor of the bill, according to the pro-life group.

"It's a victory for life," said pro-life Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston. "The life of an unborn child is sacred. If government has any purpose it should be to protect life."

The state House is expected to vote on the bill later this week, according to local news reports. Gov. Nikki Haley, who is pro-life, is expected to sign the bill if it reaches her desk.

A national poll by The Polling Company found that,

after being informed that there is scientific evidence that unborn children are capable of feeling pain at least by 20 weeks, 64% would support a law banning abortion after 20 weeks, unless the mother's life was in danger. Only 30% said they would oppose such a law.

Though abortion advocates deny the science of fetal pain, researchers have fully established fetal pain at 20 weeks or earlier. Dr. Steven Zielinski, an internal medicine physician from Oregon, is one of the leading researchers into it. He first published reports in the 1980s to validate research showing evidence for unborn pain. He testified before U.S. Congress that an unborn child could feel pain at "eight-and-a-half weeks and possibly earlier" and that a baby before birth "under the right circumstances, is capable of crying."

He and his colleagues Dr. Vincent J. Collins and Thomas J. Marzen wrote, "The functioning neurological structures necessary to suffer pain are developed early in a child's development in the womb." "Functioning neurological structures necessary for pain sensation are in place as early as 8 weeks, but certainly by 13 1/2 weeks of gestation. Sensory nerves, including nociceptors, reach the skin of the fetus before the 9th week of gestation. The first detectable brain activity occurs in the thalamus between the 8th and 10th weeks. The movement of electrical impulses through the neural fibers and spinal column takes place between 8 and 9 weeks gestation. By 13 1/2 weeks, the entire sensory nervous system functions as a whole in all parts of the body," they continued.

USA - California

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In a race in which many pro-life candidates had drawn support from across our movement, there comes a time when

we must focus on winning the White House. It is essential that the chief executive office of our nation be in the firm hands of a 100% pro-life candidate.

California ProLife has joined with our national federation, the National Right to Life Committee, and our Wisconsin affiliate, Wisconsin Right to Life, in supporting Ted Cruz as the nominee that can stop the ongoing destruction that the Democrat party has brought to our nation and to the cause of Life.

This June we are determined to help deliver each Congressional district in California for Ted.

"I am so pleased that the rest of the pro-life team has joined in supporting Ted. He has a proven record on Life. It's been clear that he is the only candidate that can stop Hillary Clinton, or whomever the Obama administration decides to anoint," said Brian Johnston, Chairman of the California ProLife Council.

As in every election year, California ProLife PAC will be working all the way down the ticket to elect pro-life candidates to impact our cities, counties, Sacramento politics, and Congress. But this year California will now have a significant impact in choosing our next president as well. Mr. Cruz's candidacy and united pro-life support can make all the difference.

