

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

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Letter from the President



Margaret Tighe

Dear Friends of Life.

Those of you who are financial members of Right to Life Australia have been informed of the changes that have occurred in the organization since my retirement in March 2021 and the election of a new committee of management.

However there are a significant number of you who have generously supported us over many years without being financial members.

In short, the majority of the newly elected committee of March 2021 have resigned leaving only two who are also resigning. A new committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 15 July 2022 at the Symon Centre.

I don't need to remind you of the appalling situation that exists in Australia today in which abortion till birth is legalized and now physician assisted suicide (euthanasia) in every state.

When I hear media commentators making the statement "Australia is the best country in the world"! I do wonder if this is the case.

Please get behind us as we continue to speak out loudly and clearly against this destruction of human life. By remaining silent, only more lives will be lost.

In life

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

Thank You

Dear Members,

Thanks for sticking with us through all the confusion of the last 8 months.

AGM notices were sent out 5 times. Notices for a Special General Meeting were sent to you twice. You were asked for proxies on most of those occasions. As no membership renewal notices have been sent out, you probably did not know if you were still a member. The phone at RTLA went unanswered as there was no one in the office. Those of you without access to email must be wondering if Right to Life still existed.

But you came through when most needed. A very big "THANK YOU" to those who forwarded proxies when asked, sometimes on three occasions. Your proxies are what saved Right to Life in the end.

With the closure of the East Brunswick office in December, those supporting Margaret Tighe worked out of their own homes with no access to office facilities, the RTLA membership list, RTLA emails, RTLA website, or RTLA funds. Donations sent to Margaret Tighe could not be banked or fully recorded, cheques and Visa donations could not be processed.

Once again my heartfelt thanks for your patience and understanding.

Pat Mackay, Secretary

You are invited to join a silent witness at the Alfred Hospital



Another Poison Delivery Heads off from the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne

Tragically the execution of patients by doctors and doctor prescribed suicide have become almost routine in Victoria. Few people are conscious of what is happening under their noses.

All supplies of the poisons used for the executions and suicides are distributed from the supposedly ethical Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. The poisons are delivered across Victoria by an "Uber-like Delivery Service" as shown in the photo above.

Up until the COVID lockdowns, many Right to Lifers were regularly standing in silent witness against this horrible service. Perhaps surprisingly many staff, including doctors and nurses, supported the witness. Almost all said they had no idea of the Alfred's dreadful involvement in the executions and suicides.

The silent and peaceful witness will begin again in August. Joining the witness is a great way to stand up for life. Please consider accepting an invitation to join the witness. For details of the witness phone Eugene Ahern, 0402 296290 or email him, eugeneahern@optusnet.com.au

Pope Francis condemns abortion as like "hiring a hit man"

"Indeed, is it right to hire a hit man to solve a problem?" the Pope asks

Pope Francis says he respects the US Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which returned power to regulate abortion to individual states, but he has not studied it enough to comment from a juridical viewpoint.

The Pope, however, condemned abortion once again, likening it to "hiring a hit man."

"Is it legitimate, is it right," he asked, "to eliminate a human life to resolve a problem?"

Live and Let Live



Dr Katrina Haller

One can say that everything you want is a "fundamental human right."

However, it is incorrect to say there is a "right to abortion." In none of the International Human Rights Instruments is there any "right to abortion." In fact, the opposite is the case. The Universal Declaration on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, provide:-

"THE CHILD, BY REASON OF HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMMATURITY, NEEDS SPECIAL CARE AND SAFEGUARDS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROTECTION, BEFORE AS WELL AS AFTER BIRTH."

Other International Human Rights Instruments include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. None contain a "right to abortion." That would violate the Rights of the Child, which include legal protection before as well as after birth.

A child is defined as under the age of 18 years of age, there is no definition of any "start" age of a child, although it is evident that children before birth are recognized as children.

In the U.S.A. Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade in 1973, the Court could not find a "right to abortion" in the Constitution. Neither is there a "right to privacy" in the Constitution. The seven male judges decided there is an "implied" right to privacy in the Constitution and then decided that this implied right to privacy meant that there was consequently an implied right to abortion. What great imaginations those seven male Judges had. When Mississippi banned abortions after 15 weeks, this was taken to the Supreme Court, who decided that there was no constitutional right to abortion. Thus it is up to the states to decide their laws according to the politicians who represent their people.

My view is that women deserve better than abortion, which is painful and humiliating, but dressed up and presented as a "privilege." Women want social and economic justice, love and support, not abortion. We might want diamond rings and holidays, but what girl growing up dreams of abortions?

Abortion is part of the exploitation and abuse of women. It is an aggressive and violent act, done so that women can "fit in" with society. Why cannot society "fit in" with women? Why do women have to destroy their children, because their body is doing what it is designed to do? In deciding whether or not to have sexual intercourse, we decide what to do with our body, but once pregnant, there is another unique unrepeatable human being to consider. That child has the right to protection before as well as after birth. Everyone has the right to life. Live and let live.

Dr Katrina Haller Published "Letter of the Day" in The Herald Sun 24/6/22 p.52

CONSIDER A BEQUEST

When you write or update your Will, you can tell your family how important the Life Issues are to you, by giving a bequest to Right to Life Australia. Ensure that you identify the organization by providing the full name and address – THE RIGHT TO LIFE AUSTRALIA, 161 Donald St. Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057.

You may bequest a particular percentage of your estate, e.g. 10%, or a particular amount of money. We would really love a permanent office instead of paying rent, so we are asking our members and supporters to consider that.

We run on donations and memberships. You will be aware that we do not receive any government grants. Bequests are greatly appreciated as they allow us to initiate campaigns in defence of human life and try to effect a respect for all human life from conception until natural death.

An example of wording is "I give, free of all duties or taxes, the sum of \$xxxxx (or%) of my estate (or) the rest and residue of my estate to the Right to Life Australia, 161 Donald St. East Brunswick 3057 in the State of Victoria, ABN 12 774 010 375 for its general purposes."

Candle Light Vigil

A Candle Light Vigil was kept by Victorian pro-lifers on 24th June as an expression for their sorrow at the deaths of more than 600 Victorians who have chosen death over life under the state's euthanasia act.

Victoria's state parliament had a somber atmosphere as the prolifers stood in silent vigil marking the third anniversary of the implementation of the state's euthanasia act.

Those at the 2022 vigil believe it is important that Victorians are reminded of the grim reality that supposed doctors are executing their patients in euthanasia or prescribing poisons for their patients to take to kill themselves in what are doctor prescribed suicides.

The Act under which these tragic executions and doctor prescribed suicides occur was passed by the Victorian Parliament in November 2017, and came into effect in June 2019.



UK MPs strongly oppose introducing euthanasia and assisted suicide

British MP's strongly oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide (EAS) in recent debate.

UK parliamentarians have stressed the dangers of "assisted dying" with evidence from Oregon, Canada, and the Netherlands of vulnerable people pressured into ending their lives, and the growing link between introducing EAS and increases in the suicide rate.

Danny Kruger MP, Chair of the Dying Well All-Party Group, spoke of moves to save health dollars by extending euthanasia beyond terminal illnesses in Canada, and the reality of care rationing within the NHS.

Stephen Timms MP said the NHS being underfunded was no reason to give up on accessible palliative care.

Stephen Timms said, "I agree with the *Care Not Killing* that we need funding for comprehensive palliative care, with the duty placed on NHS to ensure these services are available to all."

As the debate closed, the Minister for Health restated the Government's position that the decision is for Parliament. He said, "Our neutral stance means that change would have to be via private members bill."

Dr Gordon Macdonald of Care Not Killing commented, "Doctors' groups such as the Association of Palliative Medicine, disability rights organisations opposed to euthanasia, are pleased at the strength of opposition to changing the law.

"MPs acknowledge that palliative care is a "Cinderella service". It should be the priority.

"MP Sir Peter Bottomley recognised that legalising euthanasia does not reduce the suicide rate but increases it.

'A study shows a 'consistent association' between the passing of euthanasia laws and an increase in suicide rates in countries with euthanasia."

"MPs are concerned at the spread of 'medical assistance in dying' (MAID) legalised in 2015 in Canada. The law was first limited to those whose deaths were 'reasonably foreseeable'. In September 2019 the Quebec Superior Court struck down that restriction. Now the Canadian law has been expanded to include those with chronic conditions, and soon, to mental health conditions.

"MAID deaths continue to rise in Canada. In 2020 7,595 had their lives ended by MAID, including 1,412 who gave loneliness as their reason to be killed.

"Current UK laws protect vulnerable people. The laws do not need changing.

"We need to refocus our attention on providing the very best palliative care to those who need it."



Seamus' Law?

After Mr Speakman's "Zoe's Law" was passed by the NSW parliament last year, some Queensland parliamentarians are keen to introduce "Miles Law," similar legislation that would recognise the death of preborn baby Miles, killed with his mum and dad by an alcohol-fuelled teen driver.

In Victoria, Jane was compensated for her injuries and suffering, but not the life of her preborn baby. She writes,

"I was involved in a car accident, the seat belt locked tightly across my tummy. Sadly my husband was driving. Shortly after he took me to hospital, the amniotic sac surrounding our little son had ruptured... the fluid gushed quickly. It was the worst day of my life!! A team of specialists ordered bed rest for me and tried everything to save him! I would lay there & feel his tiny body kicking & moving & pray that he would survive! But the odds were against us! I developed an infection & fever & 3 days later after 3 hrs in labour Seamus William Thomas Augustine was still-born. I held his tiny little body in the palms of my hands. He was perfect! So handsome! Everything was formed! He even had his tiny little eyelashes! I was heartbroken!! My husband & siblings too! What followed was me continually trying to explain to people... including authorities that he was a real little person. So many people said... "Sorry about your miscarriage"....or "he wasn't meant to be"....or "it wasn't a baby yet!" That was the biggest tragedy of all! Many would try to minimise what had happened to me. Even dismiss it. After 12 months...on the date of his still birth I felt the need to fight back & stand up for him as I would do for each & every one of my children. I haven't stopped fighting since!! I have helped so many mothers and have seen so many babies born & grow!!

Editor's note: We hope to have Seamus's Law in Victoria

Our New Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Roe V Wade (Abortion)

Despite the fact that Anthony Albanese's late mother was a single mother and despite the fact that Albanese rightly gives her fulsome praise and thanked her for the way in which she raised him, he has publicly joined with those politicians and others who have condemned the USA court decision in the case Roe V Wade

The Australian Newspaper reported this:

"Abortion dismay crosses the floor"

Anthony Albanese has warned the decision by the US Supreme Court to remove the constitutional right to abortion in America is a global setback for women's health and for the issue of women's safety"

The Prime Minister said the overturning on the 1973 Roe V Wade case, which gave women the right to terminate their pregnancy, was a "decision which goes to the heart of a woman's right to control her own body".

The move by the Supreme Court will now give states the power to ban abortions, with 26 of them expected to do so immediately.

"These are issues which aren't the subject of partisan political debate in Australia," Mr Albanese said. "And that's a good thing. It's good here that we don't deal with it in the same way that has seen division in the United States."

Nationals senator Matt Canavan by contrast said "A wonderful day to protect human life"



Euthanasia Completes a Clean Sweep Across Australia

The New South Wales parliament passed the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2022 on 26 May. Both the Premier and Opposition Leader voted against the bill. "Voluntary Assisted Dying" is a euphemism for doctors being able to prescribe poisons for their patients to kill themselves. All six Australian States have now passed bills legalising euthanasia and doctor prescribed suicide after Victoria did in 2017.

"The law will force organisations that do not agree with assisted dying to allow doctors onto their premises to prescribe and even administer restricted drugs with the intention of terminating the resident's life – without even informing the facility" said Brigid Meney, of Catholic Health Australia.

NSW Finance Minister Damien Tudehope, declared that the bill "betrayed" people suffering from a terminal illness, "We have so diminished our respect for life to its natural end that we do not support proper wraparound services for people up to their death, and that we do not provide proper palliative care in regional areas. I will leave here today thinking this is a dark day for our State."

Greg Donnelly noted that in Canada euthanasia and assisted suicide accounted for 2.5% of deaths in 2020, a growth rate of 34% since 2019. "If we are looking at where things can go, and where it runs amok, Canada is what we are looking at." He said, "The law provides for the killing of human beings who are innocent, and it cannot be countenanced or supported or have you involved in it in any way." He concluded that "assisted suicide or euthanasia are not just corrosive but are destructive of the shared values upon which we base human relationships and society."

NSW Attorney General, Mr Speakman opposed the bill based on the protection of the vulnerable. Firstly the vulnerable may be pressured and manipulated, e.g. for financial reasons, or because they are a nuisance. Secondly, protections for the depressed and poor cannot be guaranteed, "what will start out as right to choose is likely to morph into a social norm to prefer that choice." The third risk is "the temptation for governments to invest less in palliative care." The fourth risk is "that inevitably there will be a push in the years to come...to legislate further." He quoted

Mahatma Ghandi: "The true measure of a society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."

Australian Catholic Church Comes Out Strongly Against Abortion After Roe .V. Wade Reversal

After the US Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v Wade sparked renewed debate on abortion rights in Australia, the Catholic Church in Australia remains firmly opposed to abortion.

On 5th July Archbishop Tim Costelloe of Perth , Chairman of the Australian Bishops' Conference issued a strong statement against abortion.

"As Catholics we uphold that the child in the womb is a human being and has as much right to life as anyone else.

"That is our fundamental position," said Archbishop Costelloe.

Thousands join Irish Rally for Life

Dublin's recent 'Rally for Life' launched a campaign to retain the 3-day waiting period before an abortion.

The Rally's aim was to urge the public and the Government to rethink abortion.

Rally spokeswoman, Megan Ní Scealláin said, "We know late-term abortions are taking place, with no pain relief for the baby. Parents are being pushed to abort after a diagnosis of severe disability."

Irish law requires that a woman seeking an abortion must have a three-day waiting period before she can have an abortion.

The rally spokeswoman said, "1,000 women have not proceeded with an abortion after the waiting period. Scrapping those three days would mean another 1,000 abortions a year".

She added: "The overturning of Roe v Wade shows the power of perseverance and that culture can change."

Biden signs executive order promoting abortion on demand until birth

Responding to the overturning Roe v. Wade, President Joe Biden has signed an order "protecting access to reproductive health services."

The order supports abortion on demand until the moment of birth.

The White House is directing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to protect and expand access to "medication abortion" and ordering the Attorney General and the White House Counsel to assist organizations to provide legal support for women seeking abortions and doctors committing abortions.

The White House also said the Biden administration promised to fight any "attack by a state or local official who attempts to interfere with women exercising this right."

"President Biden is focused on expanding the 'death-care' known as abortion," says Alvera King, niece of Marin Luther King.

Dannenfelser said her organization is "committed to exposing Democrats' abortion extremism to voters so their agenda is rejected in this November's elections."

Tragic 50 years with 700 million lost lives in America ended in June by Supreme Court decision

The United States Supreme Court on 24th June struck down a supposed constitutional "right to abortion" which had made abortion freely available in America since 1973. The 1973 Roe v Wade decision found an "implied right to privacy" in the constitution and said that privacy included abortion. In the Dobbs v Jackson decision, the 2022 Supreme Court decided:

"The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences"

"And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division."

The Court also ruled 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi 15 week abortion ban so States can limit abortions.

This means that American states are now free to restrict or even ban abortion – or to defend it. The ruling doesn't make abortion illegal. It just gives power to take the decision back to locally accountable representatives.

Texas and Oklahoma had already banned abortions before Roe was overturned. Missouri became the first State to protect preborn babies and South Dakota became the second. Then Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio and Utah. Ultimately as many as 26 States will quickly ban abortions and protect preborn babies.

U.S. President Joe Biden denounced the pro-life decision, saying that Roe v Wade enshrined "the fundamental right to privacy and liberty in matters of family and personal autonomy."



Virginian Governor Glenn Youngkin contradicted Biden, "I'm proud to be a pro-life Governor and plan to take every action I can to protect life. The truth is, Virginians want fewer abortions, not more abortions. We can build a bipartisan consensus on protecting the life of unborn children, especially when they begin to feel pain in the womb, and importantly supporting mothers and families who choose life."

Radical abortion advocates have engaged in violence and terror across the country – burning pregnancy centres, vandalising Churches and terrorising state legislators. In Los Angeles, members of the crowd began "throwing fireworks and other makeshift weapons" reported police officers. Two abortion extremist protestors were charged with attempted murder.

Euthanasia in Australia Leaves Vulnerable Fearing They Could Be Next

In their rush to legalise euthanasia, Australian governments have ignored important research on the impacts of such legislation.

One such impact is the possibility that some people will avoid medical care for fear of having euthanasia suggested to them.

Both anecdotally and in studies we know that patients' trust (or lack thereof) of doctors and carers can have an enormous impact on patient outcomes. This is particularly true with the elderly, immigrants, and non-native language speakers.

Some experts fear that the passing of euthanasia legislation will lead to a decrease of trust between doctors and at-risk patient groups.

Clinical Director of Palliative Medicine at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Maria Cigolini, recently said just that, warning that new NSW euthanasia legislation may cause some atrisk people to avoid proper medical care because of fear of euthanasia.

Cigolini warns patient's fear that they "may be next" could compromise care:

This will enhance that disinformation and fear of authority, especially in migrant groups and homeless people.

Potentially, Aboriginal people will avoid healthcare, as we saw in the Northern Territory in the brief time VAD was offered there.

The moral distress that will create, and the idea that people may be worried that they may be next; the safety of the care environment may be compromised and create fears and distress in nurses, doctors and patients and residents themselves.

Though packaged as a "choice", Cigolini worries that in practice a range of factors such as insufficient palliative care funding, patient factors, physician attitudes and more, may leave some patients fearing only one option.

Key senators back Labor senators to allow territories to legalise euthanasia

Territories minister, Kristy McBain, says the government will propose a private member's bill 'as soon as possible' to give back power to the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to make their own laws on euthanasia.

Key senators will support a government push to let territories make their own laws on euthanasia, with two Labor backbenchers set to introduce the bill in the first weeks of the new parliament.

Jacqui Lambie and Tammy Tyrrell of the Jacqui Lambie Network, One Nation's Pauline Hanson and Liberal senator Andrew Bragg have all backed the push.

"Every other state has passed these laws. Territory residents shouldn't be second class citizens," Bragg said.

"As long as protections are in place, we have to let people run their own lives."

Territories minister, Kristy McBain, revealed the government would propose a private member's bill "as soon as possible" to give back power to the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to make their own laws on euthanasia. The move will reverse a 25-year ban on the territories enacting such legislation which began in 1997 after the Howard government – in a bill moved by Liberal MP Kevin Andrews – overturned the NT's 1995 Act legalising euthanasia

Labor is likely to give their members a conscience vote on the issue.

MPs Luke Gosling and Alicia Payne, from the NT and ACT respectively, are expected to co-sponsor a private member's bill in the opening weeks of parliament.

"All Australians should have equal democratic rights, whether they live in Canberra or Queanbeyan. That's why I will introduce a private member's bill, with my Northern Territory colleague Luke Gosling, to repeal the Andrews bill as soon as possible when parliament resumes," Payne said.

"I'm proud the Albanese Labor government will enable the parliament to vote on restoring territory rights."

ACT senator David Pocock supported the change and planned to introduce his own bill. The Greens have also strongly backed the move.

Shadow territories minister, Andrew Gee, said the Coalition will discuss any bill before making any decision.

Labor needs the support of all 12 Greens senators, plus at least one crossbencher, to pass legislation in the Senate. But a potential conscience vote changes the scenario, which usually splits along party lines.

A 2018 Senate vote on the issue, saw several Labor senators vote "No" – including Patrick Dodson, Don Farrell, Deb O'Neill and Helen Polley – while Coalition members Simon Birmingham and Marise Payne voted "Yes". Former NT Coalition Senator Sam McMahon introduced a territory rights bill in late 2021, to restore euthanasia powers to her NT home, but it did not come to a vote.

A spokesperson for Sen. Hanson said she was supportive of liberalising euthanasia laws, but wanted to see the bill before firmly committing. It's understood her colleague, Malcolm Roberts, would reserve judgment until seeing Labor's legislation.

The assistant minister for Indigenous Australians and Indigenous health, NT senator Malarndirri McCarthy, said the change was overdue.

The director of Queensland lobby group Cherish Life, Teeshan Johnson, said she would oppose the legislation.

"One of the reasons that the Senate rejected the bill to give the territories the right to legalise euthanasia, is that many MPs thought it too risky given the territories have a far less rigorous parliamentary process and lower standard of governance than the states," she said.



The Babylon Bee Roe V Wade Aborted in 198th Trimester



U.S. · JUN 24, 2022

U.S. - After making it to the 198th trimester, Roe V. Wade has been aborted. Conceived all the way back on January 22, 1973, Roe V. Wade has been struck down after a decision was passed down today by the Supreme Court.

6 out of the 9 Justices decided to terminate the longstanding federal law. According to Doctors who performed the procedure, "Roe V Wade did not feel a thing as it was ripped apart word by word, syllable from syllable as it was fed through the paper shredder."

According to sources, the Justices claimed court autonomy gave them the right to do whatever they wanted to do with this document even up to the moment of delivery. They claimed "Our Court Our Choice!" and ruled that it was their God-given right to take this fledgling, defenseless document that had barely begun its 198th trimester and terminate it on a whim.

Many pro-abortion activists have been immensely distraught and devastated by this action calling the decision "LITERALLY MURDER!" and that this is "not something the court alone can decide!". Christians have been quick to comfort those upset by this action by reminding them that Roe V. Wade was just a clump of words and it's really not even viable until the 199th trimester anyway.

At publishing time, Planned Parenthood had acquired the shredded remains of the precious document and was reportedly selling the scraps for money.

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Americans Oppose Abortion on Demand, Reject Killing Babies For Any Reason

A poll in June shows Americans reject abortion on demand by a 49-36% margin.

While a majority of Americans may support abortion in very rare cases, such as rape or when the life of the mother is threatened, there is little support for abortions for "any reason."

Men strongly rejected abortions for "any reason" (57-30%). A majority of women reject abortion on demand (43-42%).

The poll shows that Hispanics do not support abortion (51-41% against abortion).

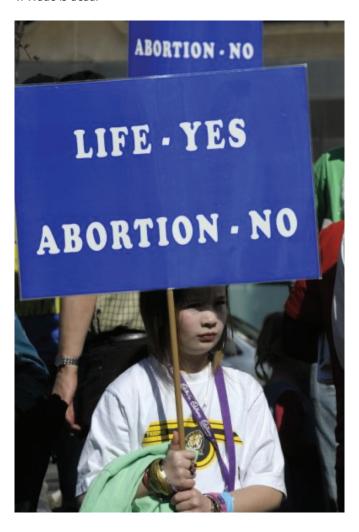
Polls show Americans are pro-life on abortion.

The new national poll shows 75% of Americans essentially agree with the Supreme Court overturning Roe.

This latest poll found 20% would ban abortion entirely and 38% would ban killing babies in abortions after 6 weeks.

Two-thirds of Americans reject late-term abortions.

After staining the moral fabric of America for nearly 50 years, Roe v. Wade is dead.



Three Key Areas of Right to Life Action

Right to Life Australia is dedicated to the protection of every human life from the moment of fertilisation until it's end in a natural death.

This dedicated protection of human life and active opposition to all attacks on human lives in our society particularly by abortion and euthsnasia demands determined action.

That action is particularly focused on political action, community education on the life issues, support for those with problem pregnancies and public action through protests and marches.

As RTLA begins a new chapter in its life it is vital that members keep all four aspects of its life in sharp focus.

Right to Life Australia is best known for its political action campaigns particularly at election times to defeat anti-life MP's and elect pro-life MP's. This requires large resources of volunteers and of finances for campaigns.

Then there is the need for continuing lobbying in both federal and state parliaments. Individual RTLA members can actively join in this lobbying of their MP's and also at the parliamentary level.

Community education of all is a critical element of RTLA action. Even today with all the data available on the internet, people are surprisingly ignorant about all the vital facts about abortion and euthanasia. The pro-abortion lobby has managed to focus on "reproductive freedom" and "fertility control", totally ignoring the soon to be born baby. Likewise the death lobby focuses on a supposed "right to die", which is of course is a claim to a right to suicide, which society would rightly reject. RTLA's education exposes "voluntary assisted dying" for what it is, doctor prescribed self killing or suicide.

The tougher the fight for life becomes, the need for even basic education on the issues involved in the life debates becomes more urgent.

Since its foundation RTLA has always put its opposition to abortion into practical action in support of pregnant women especially in what can be called problem pregnancies. Right to Life has run pregnancy help centres and a national "Pregnancy Help Line". In the future new chapter of its life Right to Life will give fresh importance to pregnancy support.

Public witness is a vital part of an effective pressure. Protests have always been an essential and effective part of RTLA's activities. We think of the impact of our annual March for Life over many years. There is strength in numbers and Right to Lifers draw strength from marching side by side and demonstrating their convictions to Australians.

Then there are the protests during election campaigns and at parliaments which show our political determination and serve notice to MP's of our commitment to life.

RTLA needs to give energy to all these four areas.

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