



Margaret Tighe

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Life

No doubt many of you would have enjoyed the invaluable contributions to our RTLA News by Kathleen Edgeworth of Baton Rouge, Louisiana U.S.A. As Kathy was delegate for the state of Louisiana to the Republican

Conventions over many years (including this year 2024) she always kept us informed especially on the life issues - our progress or otherwise - on the opposition to abortion.

As you are aware abortion will be a big issue at the U.S Presidential election on 5 November 2024.

My late husband Ron and I have known Kathy and her late husband Bob - a U.S academic for many years - also their two daughters Julie (married with 2 children) and Toni. Since Bob's premature death Toni has been her mother's constant companion.

Tragically very recently Toni suffered a seizure and died suddenly. I'm sure you will join with me and send condolences to Kathy and in praying for the repose of Toni's soul. Long may Toni rest in peace.

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

Legal Victory for Pro-life Warrior Professor Joanna Howe!



Dr Joanna Howe PhD, M.St. Legal Research, LLB, Bachelor of Economics, Rhodes Scholar

Eminent Professor of Law Dr Joanna Howe PhD, M.St. Legal Research, LLB, Bachelor of Economics and Rhodes Scholar endured six investigations over 4 1/2 years by the University of Adelaide as a result of complaints against her research into abortion. However she kept fighting back and in August 2024 secured a breakthrough in the Fair Work Commission case she brought against her employer. For a full report see The Australian 10/8/24 or to receive a copy of this article email rtl@rtlust.com

Professor Howe has researched abortion in Australia including sex-selective abortion, late-term abortion, psychosocial abortions on healthy babies and babies born alive after an abortion since 2017.

"The Weekend Australian" (10-11 August 2024) in an article by Joseph Kelly, National Affairs editor reported "While Howe was cleared by all of the investigations, the sixth to be conducted by the university required her to complete a research integrity course within 30 days. The aim was to provide further education on how not to do biased research. This corrective action was imposed on Howe despite the investigation dismissing allegations of plagiarism and misrepresentation of facts in a submission she made to a parliamentary inquiry in South Australia".

Professor Howe refused to comply with the requirement to complete the online education spent more than \$100,000 in her bid to resolve the dispute. A Fair Work Commission process produced an agreed statement between the parties.

Read the public statement released by Dr Howe and the University here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C-cllQoPCXP/>

COMMENT: The Right to Life Australia Inc congratulates Professor Joanna Howe on the outcome of the Fair Work Commission case - a win for freedom of speech and most importantly for unborn babies who have no voice. We salute you in standing up to those who do not want the truth about the slaughter of the unborn to be exposed. Well done Joanna!

For detail on Dr Howe's new petition see Stand up for academic freedom & free speech

MEANWHILE, KAMALA HARRIS WHO HOPES TO BE THE NEXT US PRESIDENT HAS EARNED THE TITLE OF PRO-ABORTION ZEALOT.

Read on!

Kamala Harris has earned the title of Pro-Abortion Zealot

Assigning the title of pro-abortion zealot is not something the American National Right to Life takes lightly or does often.

The term implies a level of fervour and single-mindedness in support of abortion that will not allow for moderate or nuanced perspectives. Not that any exist. This individual is typically characterized by their extreme dedication to promoting and defending abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, for healthy mothers carrying healthy babies, and vilifying those who hold opposing views.

Vice President Kamala Harris is an abortion zealot. If elected, she would be the most pro-abortion president America has ever had. On the rare occasion where she is able to formulate a coherent sentence, Harris uses the opportunity to espouse the most radical and extreme positions on abortion.

While serving in the United States Senate, Kamala Harris voted against the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," which would have ensured that an infant born alive during an attempted abortion is afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age. In effect Harris advocated and voted for the death of viable babies who have survived an abortion procedure.

Kamala Harris truly is a pro-abortion zealot.



Presidential candidate Kamala Harris (photo: Sheila Fitzgerald/Shutterstock) www.ncregister.com

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While in the U.S. Senate, Harris also voted against the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” which would have protected unborn babies 20 weeks and older from late abortions on account of their ability to experience pain. She disregarded the science, ignored the testimony of doctors and the excruciating pain a baby feels as it is being shredded in her mother’s womb, and voted to allow the continuation of brutal late abortions.

Harris is in full support of the so-called “Women’s Health Protection Act,” a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers at both the federal and state levels in America. She promotes fanatical positions that would eradicate the rights of parents from consenting to, or even knowing, that their child who is a minor is being taken for an abortion.

If Harris were to become the American president, she has pledged to nominate only judges at every level, including the U.S. Supreme Court, who support a “right to abortion.” She will use tax-payer dollars to subsidize the abortion industry further, and further erode protections for women and girls who are seeking to take the dangerous chemical abortion cocktail.

Kamala Harris advocates for an extremist agenda that normalizes a brutal procedure that often involves the dismemberment of the unborn child, and untold trauma for the mother.

American Right to Lifers are uniting, mobilizing, and working tirelessly to ensure that Kamala Harris never becomes president.

Kamala Harris has chosen as her running mate Minnesota Governor Tim Walz who is radically pro-abortion. Tim Walz signed into law a bill for abortions up to birth that also allows infanticide by removing the legal requirement for care for babies who survive abortions.

Tim Walz himself says he is so pro-abortion, that even Nancy Pelosi, former Democrat Speaker of the U.S. Congress, who is an award winning pro-abortion activist, said Walz was “extreme” in promoting abortion.

When Walz first ran for governor back in 2018, he joked about his extreme views on abortion. “My record is so pro-choice that Nancy Pelosi asked me to tone down my pro-abortion views,” Walz said.

Walz, who was in the U.S. Congress from 2007 to 2019, had a 0% “ZERO” pro-life rating from the American Right to Life Association, because of his always having voted pro-abortion.

To sum up, we can reasonably conclude that the Kamala Harris – Tim Walz combination is the most pro-abortion team in American history.



Donald Trump .V. Kamala Harris Compared and Contrasted Positions on the Life Issues



Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Donald Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortions. He pledged to sign the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. President Trump’s Administration issued a rule to ensure Title X funding did not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Kamala Harris supports using tax dollars to pay for abortions. As a Senator, Harris voted against the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. The Biden-Harris Administration directed Title X funding to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Unlimited Abortion Until Birth

Donald Trump opposes the Women’s Health Protection Act, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Kamala Harris voted for the Women’s Health Protection Act, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Funding Abortion Providers Abroad

Donald Trump issued the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Kamala Harris supports President Biden’s reversal of the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors

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Kamala Harris voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would ensure that infants born alive during attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

The U.S. Supreme Court

Donald Trump pledges to nominate qualified individuals to the Supreme Court who will interpret the U.S. Constitution as written and not legislate from the bench. He appointed Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Kamala Harris pledges to nominate only individuals who share her view that unlimited abortion should be a constitutionally protected right. She applauded the appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and voted against the confirmations of Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Vice Presidential Candidate Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH) Strongly Opposes Abortion



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Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH)

US Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's selection of Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance as his running mate adds a staunch anti-abortion voice to the top of the Republican ticket.

Trump's running mate once expressed support for a national abortion limit, but as the Vice Presidential candidate announcement approached he emphasized states can make their own policies, which is the position of Donald Trump.

Vance, who is the Republican Party Vice-Presidential nominee, previously described himself as "100% pro-life." Vance is staunchly opposed to abortion, and has suggested that it is wrong even in cases of rape and incest. He has compared the evil of abortion to that of slavery.

Throughout his brief political career, **Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio** has been an unapologetic opponent of abortion rights. Vance was baptized a Catholic in 2019 and his views on abortion are driven by his Catholic faith. But the particulars of his stance have varied since he entered the political arena and being elected to the U.S. Senate. His statements appear to have increasingly aligned with Trump's over time. "What I've said consistently is the gross majority of policy here is going to be set by the states," Vance said, though he added that he was personally opposed to abortion rights.

"I want to save as many babies as possible," he said. "And sure, I think it's totally reasonable to say that late-term abortions should not happen, with reasonable exceptions." Vance previously suggested, however, that a national law limiting abortion would be welcome.

During a debate in October 2022, when Vance was running for Senate, he signalled support for Sen. Lindsey Graham's abortion bill, which would make administering an abortion at 15 weeks gestation or later a criminal offence nationwide. The bill had exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother, and would not override state laws which have tighter restrictions on abortion.

Vance has opposed an amendment to the Ohio State Constitution codifying the right to abortion and contraception. When the amendment passed last November, Vance described it as a "gut punch" in a post on X. Ohio allows abortions up to 20 weeks.

"There is something sociopathic about a political movement that tells young women (and men) that it is liberating to murder their own children," Vance wrote.

Vance has opposed amendments that would codify the right to abortion and contraception in the constitutions of other states. In 2021 Vance was asked whether laws should allow women to get abortions if they were victims of rape or incest. He said society should not view a pregnancy or birth resulting from rape or incest as "inconvenient."

"My view on this has been very clear and I think the question betrays a certain presumption that is wrong," Vance said. "It is not whether a woman should be forced to bring a child to term. It is whether a child should be allowed to live, even though the circumstances of that child's birth are somehow inconvenient or a problem to the society."

"The question really, to me, is about the baby," said Vance showing his focus is on the baby.

J.D. Vance sums up his position, *"Abortion was the first political issue I can ever remember caring about, and even after 20 years, it still shocks me that progressives just ignore there's an innocent life involved."*

Democrat Vice-President Candidate Tim Walz, as Governor of Minnesota, Has Promoted Abortions

Under a Bill which Walz signed in May 2023, show that in 2023 the number of abortions increased by 37 percent in Minnesota.

Walz's Bill went beyond repealing Minnesota's informed-consent provisions. It eliminated Positive Alternatives, a grant program that provided over \$3 million to pregnancy resource centres in Minnesota. His Bill also increased state payments for abortions under the state Medicaid program.

Walz's Bill also repealed provisions preventing coerced abortions.

It gets even worse. Data shows that since Governor Walz was inaugurated in 2019, eight babies survived abortion in Minnesota. On five occasions, no measures were taken to preserve life. On three occasions, only comfort care was provided. Tragically, all of these babies died. Instead of strengthening protections for these children, Walz repealed the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, which provided legal protection for infants who survived abortions.

Finally, his Bill reduced state oversight over abortion in another way. It dramatically weakened Minnesota's abortion-reporting requirements.

Tim Walz's record on the all the life issues is clear. He wants more taxpayer funding for the abortion industry. He wants less taxpayer support for pro-life pregnancy centres that help pregnant women, families, and children in need. He wants dramatically less government oversight over the abortion industry. He opposes legal protection for infants who survive abortions.

The same as Kamala Harris, who chose him as her running mate, Tim Walz is in fact "an abortion zealot."



Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota, Democrat Vice-Presidential Candidate



Photographed here is Kathy Edgeworth - RTLA Correspondent and State Delegate for Louisiana Republican Convention 2024. She is with Liz Murrill, State Attorney General for Louisiana who was previously Solicitor general and argued brilliantly before the US Supreme Court on behalf of life.

EUTHANASIA IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

UPDATE: In our May/ June 2024 newsletter we reported the Northern Territory Panel's "Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory" (ie assistance to suicide and euthanasia) had not been released. However the report has now been released (31/7/24). <https://cmc.nt.gov.au/project-management-office/voluntary-assisted-dying>. NB: early voting has just commenced in the Northern Territory elections 2024 (12/8/24)

Queensland MP Robbie Katter calls for human rights of babies born alive after abortions

By Des Haughton – edited from Brisbane Courier Mail 6/4/24

In the past two years, 90 Queensland babies have been born alive after abortions, MP Robbie Katter says, as he exposes horrific tales of infants being discarded, and launches a crusade to legislate for their human rights.

No one likes talking about abortion. Especially politicians. That makes Robbie Katter from the Katter's Australia Party a rare exception. He has introduced a private member's bill in Queensland Parliament to have babies born alive in failed late-term abortions be granted human rights.

Parliament fell into a rare moment of silence when Katter told the House 90 Queensland newborns were born alive in the past two years after abortions.

However, they do not enjoy a legislative right to care or to be treated equally like all other newborns.

His private member's bill seeks to tweak the **Termination of Pregnancy Act** "to clarify particular matters relating to the provision of medical care and treatment to persons born as a result of a termination".

Robbie Katter MP, has introduced a private member's bill in Queensland Parliament to have babies born alive in failed late-term abortions be granted human rights.

In my mind this is a debate that transcends the usual ideological arguments about whether a woman has the right to have a child or terminate a pregnancy, or whether human life begins at the time of conception, or whether it begins when an infant takes its first breath.

Katter did not seek to engage those vexing moral issues.

His proposed amendments relate solely to the legal and moral efficacy of gestationally viable babies, breathing independently of their mothers, being put in a corner to die. He was disturbed about the deaths at Royal Brisbane Hospital in 2020.

"When I heard Queensland lags behind other jurisdictions in ensuring these babies – these humans, these Queenslanders – are properly cared for and treated, I was compelled to develop this Bill with the KAP," he told Parliament.

Katter's Bill seeks to enshrine the human rights of all babies born in Queensland.

"It protects right to life; the protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; the protection of families and children; and right to health services," he said.

"That is consistent with the Human Rights Act of Queensland."

"In 2018, before the abortion up to birth bill passed, 152 Queensland gestationally viable babies were killed via late-term abortion.

"By 2021, however, the number had doubled, 304 Queensland babies tragically killed in late-term abortions.

"More late-term abortions mean more live births after a late-term abortion. In just the last two years that we have data for, 90 Queensland newborns were born alive after an abortion and did not have a legislative right to care and to be treated equally like all other newborns."

Katter said the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology reported in 2018 that babies survived in more than half of late-term abortions. The median time of survival was 32 minutes while one baby survived for over four hours, he said.

"Scientific evidence is very strong that these babies feel pain at that age. The government and indeed the opposition may suggest that this bill is not required as Queensland Health put in place a guideline last year to direct that care is given," he said.

"However, the way this was done in the dead of the night, without much notice given and certainly no public notice, it can be changed just as easily in the dead of the night again back the other way.

"For something so important, I do not think we can rely on just a procedure and a guideline that sits in Queensland Health. This needs to be legislated." ..

COMMENT: Public hearing was discontinued, but finally the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 public hearing – resumed on 19 August 2024. For more information: www.parliament.qld.gov.au

Oppose Prime Minister Albanese's Bill to Censor and Silence Reporting on Abortion and Euthanasia

- "Australia is in the process of enshrining the principle that there is a single source of government approved truth" as described by the Institute of Public Affairs <https://ipa.org.au/>
- The Government intends to legislate to give the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) new powers to hold social media to account and improve efforts to combat harmful misinformation and disinformation in Australia.
- For subjects like abortion in which powerful vested interests coalesce to stop us talking or accessing the data, social media has been a gamechanger: allowing us to discuss abortion without censorship from the media, the abortion lobby and the government.
- The Albanese Government wants to take that away through its **new Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023**.
- The bill gives the government and tech companies the power to silence voices on social media if deemed to be spreading "disinformation" or "misinformation".
- If the Bill passes, censorship will become the norm on social media which will prevent individuals and groups such as The Right to Life Australia Inc. from speaking out on the issue of abortion and euthanasia.
- This is a huge concern because mainstream media already suppresses the voices of those against abortion but supports pro-abortion views.
- Take for example, an article by pro-abortion journalist Tory Shepherd mocking MP George Christensen for introducing a Bill to protect the human rights of babies born alive after a failed abortion.
- This one-sided article was headed, *"He's tabling a Bill about a myth: calling (expletive) on George Christensen's 'born alive' abortion move"*.
- This article and others in the mainstream media about the babies, born alive after abortion and left to die, have not reported the shocking numbers of these babies.
- The facts are that 724 babies were alive and left to die with no legal rights in Victoria and Queensland between 2010 and 2020. These babies are only the tip of the death toll across Australia. www.joannahowe.com

But it's not just the media who silences the voices of Australians who are against abortion. The government is complicit with its Senate Inquiry into Reproductive Healthcare. Over 1500 Australians made submissions to the Inquiry yet these submissions were NOT published on the inquiry website. Although the inquiry conducted four days of oral hearings, no Australian or organisation opposing abortion was invited to appear to give evidence.

With mainstream media and the government refusing to allow alternative voices to speak on the issue of abortion in hardcopy news and online, only social media is available to us.

To assist in our campaign to **oppose the bill**, please write a letter to the Prime Minister:

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Please send a copy to your Federal Member of Parliament.

Sample Letter Only

99 Main Street,
Maintown VIC 3999
1 September 2024

Dear Mr Albanese,

I strongly oppose the **Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023**.

This Bill will allow censorship of social media. Those of us opposed to abortion and euthanasia fear that this Bill will be used to prevent us using social media to voice our message and campaign in defence of life. I urge you to stop progressing this very ill-advised Bill.

Yours sincerely

John Citizen

Stop Death by Telehealth!

Federal MP Kate Chaney (Curtin)'s Private Members Bill seeks to change the Criminal Code Act 1995 (which prevents doctors using telehealth) to allow doctors and others to consult with patients using telehealth (phone, video, text) for assistance to suicide and euthanasia.



The bill was introduced into Federal Parliament on 12 February 2024 and is vigorously supported by Kate Chaney MP and many state Attorneys-General.

We thank supporters who have already sent a letter to oppose the bill.

The next possible date for debate on private member's bills is Monday 9 September 2024. Importantly - please keep sending letters to oppose the bill to:

Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP
Federal Attorney-General
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Follow our enclosed action alert for letter writing instructions.

Italian Prime Minister Proposes Aid for Women Who Reject Abortion



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni speaks at a conference, "The General State of the Birth Rate" in May 2023.

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The government of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has proposed a **Maternity Income Bill** to provide financial assistance to pregnant women in need who reject abortion.

This initiative offers aid of 1,000 euros (about Aus \$1,500) per year for five years to Italian women who decide to continue with their pregnancy despite their financial difficulties.

The bill aims to reduce abortions motivated by the financial hardships of pregnant mothers, based on Article 5 of Italy's Law 194.

Sen. Gasparri who moved the bill said this is "**not only moral but also financial**

support" for women who decide not to end the life of their children in the womb. "Let's defend life!" Gasparri wrote on X when announcing the measure.

The proposal provides for an increase of 50 euros (\$54) per month starting with the second child and 100 euros (\$108) up to the age of 18 in the event that the child has a disability.

To finance it, a maternity income fund is to be created with 600 million euros (Aus \$920 million) annually starting this year, and mothers who wish to apply for it must have an Indicator of Equivalent Economic Situation (ISEE) of less than 15,000 euros (Aus \$22,500)

In April, Prime minister Meloni approved a package of measures to curb abortion in the country.

Among the measures, the Italian Parliament allowed volunteers from pro-life associations access to abortion centres to guarantee assistance to mothers who wish to abort their unborn children.

Abortion was legalized in Italy in 1978, which Meloni has pledged not to change. Meloni says that her pro-life measures aim to "*guarantee women the possibility of choosing an alternative, with the active role of government to remove the financial causes that can push a woman to abort.*"

With Keir Starmer as PM, Euthanasia is on the Way in the UK



The United Kingdom's new Labour government has a long 'to-do list' and a big agenda.

So far, the news media has overlooked an incendiary issue, **euthanasia and assisted suicide**.

After decades of vigorous lobbying, assisted suicide and euthanasia will be back in Parliament very soon – with a good chance of winning.

The new Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, is a strong supporter of doctors being able to help people choose death. He has promised that MP's will be able to vote according to their consciences.

Speaking to TV presenter and euthanasia campaigner Dame Esther Rantzen, Starmer said that he was "*personally in favour of changing the law.*"

"*I think we need to make time,*" Starmer said. "*We will make the commitment Esther, I can give you that commitment right now.*"

The defeated Conservative prime minister, Rishi Sunak, also said that he was personally in favour. "*I'm not against it in principle. It's just a question of having the safeguards in place and that's where people have had questions in the past,*" Sunak said recently.

The last time assisted dying came to a vote in the House of Commons was in 2015. A private members' bill was defeated, by 330 votes to 118. Starmer was one of its most prominent supporters.

At present, assisted suicide is banned in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with a maximum prison sentence of 14 years. In Scotland with a different legal system, euthanasia is illegal and could be prosecuted as murder or culpable homicide.

Sir Keir served as the UK's director of public prosecutions from 2008 to 2013. In the 2015 debate in Parliament, he said that he had overseen around 80 assisted dying cases – and in 79 of them, he had refused to lay any charges.

He had set down guidelines for determining whether people should be prosecuted for assisting suicides. "The first was that the criminal law should rarely, if ever, be used against those who compassionately assist loved ones to die at their request, so long as that person had reached a voluntary, clear, settled and informed decision to end their life," he told MPs. "The second was that very strong safeguards are needed to protect those who might be pressurised in any number of subtle ways. Those who encourage the death of the vulnerable should feel the full force of the law."

It will be interesting to see what these "**very strong safeguards**" will be.

In Canada, with more euthanasia deaths than any other country, safeguards have not stopped widespread abuses. People have applied for euthanasia simply because they are lonely. Military veterans unable to afford care are told by bureaucrats to apply for euthanasia. People without a terminal illness can apply for euthanasia. Shortly people with mental illness will be able to apply for euthanasia.

Eight years after "medical assistance in dying" (MAiD) was legalised in Canada, it accounts for more than 4 percent of all deaths and the numbers rise every year.

In his first address as Prime Minister, Sir Keir said that "**your government should treat every single person in this country with respect.**"

The legalisation of euthanasia threatens to undermine his promise.

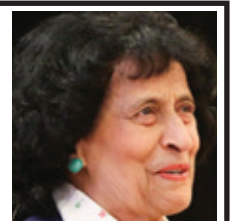
Babette Francis RIP

I was saddened to hear recently of the death at the age of 94 of Babette Francis.

Babette and her late husband Charles - a Melbourne barrister and former MP in the Victorian parliament - over many years, were constant supporters of the life movement!

Babette's most significant contribution in my opinion was the many occasions she spent lobbying at UN conventions in New York on life issues. The Right to Life Australia Inc. extends its condolences to the Francis family.

M Tighe, President



Micropremmie Baby Nyla weighing 1lb and born at just 22 weeks finally goes home

20 May 2024 News Right to Life UK

The smallest baby ever to be born at a hospital in Chicago and weighing only 1lb has been discharged after spending nearly six months there receiving care.

Baby Nyla was born at just 22 weeks gestation on 17 November 2023 after her mother Nakeya was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia during her pregnancy. She weighed 1 pound and 1 ounce (482 grams) and was 11 inches (28 centimeters) long, making her what's known as a "micropremmie."

"It was a very scary time", Nakeya said at a news conference for Nyla's release from hospital. Nyla was given a 10% chance of survival at birth. Dr Corryn Greenwood, medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at the hospital, said "Her tiny lungs were very underdeveloped and her skin was thin and translucent".

"Came out fighting"

Despite her being born so prematurely, Baby Nyla was a fighter from the very beginning. She "cried at birth. It was a little whimper, but it was a cry. Her heart remained over 100, which for us is where we wanted it to be. So she came out fighting right off the bat", said neonatologist Dr Mario Sanchez.

Dr Greenwood said Nyla became more unwell during the first few weeks and months after she was born, but then, with the assistance of the dedicated staff at the hospital, was "able to get through those trying times".

She left the hospital Monday 13 May 2024 weighing a healthy 10 pounds (4,536 grams) and at 21 inches (53 centimeters) long after months of treatment and nurturing in its neonatal intensive care unit.

Growing numbers of extremely premature infants are getting lifesaving treatment and surviving. A pivotal study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2022 looked at nearly 11,000 such births in a neonatal research network that is part of the National Institutes of Health.

It found that 30% of babies born at 22 weeks, 56% born at 23 weeks and 71% born at 24 weeks lived at least until they were healthy enough to be sent home if doctors tried to save them.



The miracle of micro-preemies!

Euthanasia Fifth-Leading Cause of Death in Canada

By Wesley J. Smith August 10, 2024 5:06 PM



Euthanasia is homicide. Such (legal) killings by doctors and nurses now constitute the fifth-leading cause of death north of the 49th Parallel. From a study conducted by Cardus, a Canadian Christian think tank:

- The number of Canadians dying prematurely by "medical assistance in dying" (MAiD) has risen thirteenfold since legalization. In 2016, the number of people dying in this way was 1,018. In 2022, the last year for which data are available, the number was 13,241.
- MAiD in Canada is the world's fastest-growing assisted-dying program.
- MAiD is now tied with cerebrovascular diseases as the fifth-leading cause of death in Canada. Only deaths from cancer, heart disease, Covid-19, and accidents exceed the number of deaths from MAiD.
- Assisted dying was not meant to become a routine way of dying. Court rulings stressed that it be a "stringently limited, carefully monitored system of exceptions." Then-minister of justice and attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould agreed: "We do not wish to promote premature death as a solution to all medical suffering." The Canadian Medical Association likewise stated that MAiD was intended for rare situations.
- MAiD assessors and providers do not treat it as a last resort. The percentage of MAiD requests that are denied continues to decline (currently it is 3.5 percent). MAiD requests can be assessed and provided in a single day.

It was even worse in 2023, with more than 15,000 people lethally injected according to preliminary data. If the same proportion of Americans were euthanized, the total carnage would approach 150,000 *each year*, or about the population of Savannah.

The euthanasia movement intends to normalize lethal injections and assisted suicide as a means of dying, and certainly not just for the terminally ill, but for elderly people, those with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and mental issues, indeed, eventually anyone who wants to die. Canadians demonstrate how darkly seductive that message can be. Good grief, our closest cultural cousins are jumping into the abyss with a smile on their collective face. If it can happen there, it can here. The only sure preventative is to reject the assisted-suicide agenda while it remains relatively limited in scope and reinvigorate the ethical tenets of Hippocratic medicine.

Wesley J. Smith is an author and a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. [@theWesleyJSmith](https://twitter.com/theWesleyJSmith)

Euthanasia Prevention Kit designed by Right to Life WA – Now Available!

We commend the **Right to Life Association of Western Australia** on their latest initiative to defend the sanctity of human life. Not only are they working on protecting the life of the unborn but are focused on the fight to defend life near the time of its natural end. Laws have been passed, or are being passed, in all Australian states and territories including Western Australia that legalise assistance to suicide and euthanasia. Immediately following the passing of these laws a public campaign commences to extend their operation creating a culture of creeping euthanasia.



The latest tool of Right to Life of Western Australia to fight this creeping euthanasia is the **Euthanasia Protection Kit (EPK)**. It is designed to help people know their rights, to help them select a guardian and to assist them in informing their family of their decision. Through use of the kit, the RTLAWA holds information relevant to each person, such as next of kin, medical details, contact details and much more.

There is also physical evidence of a person's desire to have their life maintained to its natural end, through use of a bracelet and a notice for your handbag or wallet. And 24 hours a day we are a source of information to medical personnel seeking confirmation of their patient's wishes.

If you live in WA and like to know more -call the RTLA Perth office, 08 9221 7117 and make an appointment for one of our volunteers to come and talk to you.

You can also leave your details online and complete a short survey on the EPK. You may like to also read about "Heaps of Churches Walk for Life" on Saturday 28th September 2024 at 11am.

Our website is

www.righttolife.com.au

Vale Henri Micaloff

Henri Micaloff 10 Aug 1930 – 04 June 2024

It is entirely appropriate that RTL Australia salutes the late Henri Micaloff and wife Adriana.



Henri and Adriana, a remarkable couple

Henri and his late wife Adriana are acknowledged as two of the outstanding campaigners for the defence of life in Australia for almost fifty years.

In 1957, Henri and Adriana arrived in Australia with children Jean-Marc and Gilbert. They settled in Melbourne. In his working life, Henri went from being a labourer to becoming the computer and data centre manager for the huge Carlton and United Breweries Company.

Henri and Adriana were deeply religious and were active members of the Third Order of Franciscans.

Henri did many of the long eight day RTL **Life Walks** witnessing to his active efforts to defend life. Adriana showed her commitment by being one of the first arrested in the RTL "Sit-Ins" at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne. She was a tireless volunteer helping with the dispatch of the RTL News and managed RTL items for sale.

May many walk in their footsteps

Queensland Taxpayer Funds Misused on Abortion Expansion Plan

By Matthew Cliff, Executive Officer - Cherish Life Queensland



Queensland Premier, Hon Steven Miles Member for Murrumbidgee (ALP) left, literally stands behind Minister of Health Hon Shannon Fentiman Member for Waterford (ALP) in their continuing promotion of abortion.

In March 2024, the Queensland Government announced its decision to roll out a new **Termination of Pregnancy Action Plan 2032**. The Miles Labor government has committed to pouring \$41.8 million of Queensland taxpayers' hard-earned money into their plan over the next five years.

Labor MP and Minister of Health, Shannon Fentiman, declared she is "proud" of the plan, calling it "a huge step forward".

The investment will be funnelled into some alarming initiatives:

- \$20.78 million to increase the abortion workforce.
- \$9.9 million to establish a 'virtual early medical' abortion pregnancy service.
- \$1.97 million to provide more education and training for those aspiring to become abortionists

Another deeply concerning initiative is the \$8.12 million earmarked for non-government organisations to provide abortion counselling support. One beneficiary will be Queensland-based pro-abortion organisation Children by Choice.

One must ask, Why is there no investment in independent counselling, service that 88% of Queenslanders already support?

Why is there no funding for crisis pregnancy centres? Where is the support for adoption and fostering services?

Instead, Fentiman has opted to funnel over \$8 million of taxpayers' money to serve her own ideological ends. This reeks of "cronism," where MP's push legislation that financially benefits their allies. This is evidenced by the fact that the Children by Choice 50th Gala Dinner at Queensland Parliament was hosted by none other than Children by Choice "Life member," Minister of Health Shannon Fentiman herself.

One is baffled to discover how this can surely not be a case of conflict of interest. A sitting MP providing \$8 million to a pro-abortion lobbying organisation of which she is a "Life Member"?

For those who haven't been swallowed by the pro-abortion and anti-life ideology, another deeply concerning "priority action" could easily be overlooked. That is the plan to develop "information to help clinicians understand their obligations about conscientious objection." This chilling move signals the Labor government's intent to tighten the noose around the rights of Queensland doctors, nurses, and midwives who have legitimate conscientious objections to abortion.

Queenslanders need to be aware that this plan is not just to promote policy. It is an assault on the values and beliefs of countless Queenslanders, driven by the current Labor government and Health Minister who shows a blatant disregard for the lives of the unborn.

Two days after jail sentence, South Australia's "Bicycle Bandit" ends life

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South Australia's notorious "Bicycle Bandit" had his sentence fast-tracked because he was 'suffering' and wanted access to voluntary assisted dying. He ended his life two days after being sentenced to at least 28 years in prison for his decade-long reign of terror over banks.

Kym Allen Parsons, 73, died at a palliative care facility adjacent to Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide.

The terminally ill violent criminal legally ended his life with an SA Health-approved voluntary assisted dying kit on 26 June 2024 at approximately 12.15 pm.

Parsons pleaded guilty to 10 robberies and one attempted robbery and apologised to his victims in court and promised to repay the stolen money. (\$358,976.90)

His lawyer said he did not want to access voluntary assisted dying until he was sentenced.

The former police officer and firefighter had contracted cancer in the workplace and his condition deteriorated after his arrest in October 2023.

He used a bike to flee many of the bank robberies, committed in SA towns between 2004 and 2014.

Victim Rose Lindner said Parson's sentencing felt bittersweet and expressed frustration about his push to access voluntary assisted dying. Ms Linder said "The banks get their money back, his family get to keep all of their assets and he gets to take his own life on his selfish terms" she said.

Spanish Government Plans to Okay Euthanasia for Mental Illness

By Wesley J. Smith July 27, 2024 1:58 PM

Once a society generally accepts killing as an acceptable answer to human suffering, the categories of "suffering" permitting termination continually expand. Latest example: Spain, where people with serious mental illnesses may soon be permitted to be put down.

The Ministry of Health has met with the autonomous communities to agree on the reform of the Manual of Good Practices on Euthanasia to include mental illness as a reason for requesting it.

The draft of the Organic Law on the Regulation of Euthanasia (LORE) indicates that euthanasia "does not exclude mental illness, allowing people with an unbearable suffering due to the presence of a mental illness to request the Aid to Dying Benefit (PAM) on equal terms with those whose suffering comes from a somatic illness".

People with mental illnesses are already euthanized in Netherlands and Belgium – sometimes conjoined with organ harvesting. It was supposed to be legal now in Canada too, but permission has been delayed until 2027 – not because it is *wrong* – but to "make sure the system is trained."

We aren't talking slippery slopes anymore, but facts on the ground. The culture of death is like a cancer: Once allowed to generate, it never stops growing.

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'My Abortion Nightmare'

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A Melbourne abortion clinic banned from performing surgeries following the sudden death of a patient is being sued by another woman over an abortion procedure that endangered her life.

Hampton Park Women's Health Clinic and gynaecologist Dr Mark Jones are being sued by Nushaba Refai, who allegedly suffered a ruptured fallopian tube, threatening deadly blood loss, days after she believed she had undergone a successful abortion in March 2022. The clinic is accused of failing to identify Ms Refai was suffering from an ectopic pregnancy – where the egg implants outside the uterus – when she underwent the surgical termination.

Unknowingly, she says she carried on for days with her unwanted and life-endangering ectopic pregnancy until the rupture, resulting in emergency surgery. "I haven't been able to have a proper sleep since this incident as I very frequently have nightmares of losing my own self and having my children lose their mother and my husband his wife", Ms Refai told the Herald Sun.

The case, outlined in a County Court writ, is the latest challenge facing the clinic, which was stripped of its surgical accreditation in February following the sudden death of 30 year old patient Harjit Kaur. The mother of two died soon after a surgical abortion on 12 January 2024. Her death – under investigation by a coroner – triggered a series of Department of Health inspections that resulted in the indefinite suspension of the clinic's day-procedure registration due to it "operating in a manner that posed serious risks to patient health and safety".



Hampton Park abortuary

Good news in South Australia!

12/8/24

Hon Vincent Tarzia, LLB, BCom (Corp Fin), GDLP was elected Leader of the Opposition following the resignation of David Speirs. South Australia's newly elected leader described his rise to the party's top job as an opportunity to "refresh" and "refocus".

Mr Tarzia (Hartley – Liberal) voted against the abortion-to-birth bill in SA in the early hours of Friday, 19 February 2021 and has always voted to protect human life. We congratulate him on his recent appointment.



Hon Vincent Tarzia MP