

## Letter from the President



Margaret Tighe

Dear Friends of Life

As we come to the end of yet another year in which we weep over the tragic slaughter of Australian human babies in the womb (see Vic election report) and an extension of killing by physician-assisted suicide, now in every state - and soon to be in every territory, I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for your support for our work.

The period since I retired in March 2021 has been a disaster for RTLA, but by hook or by crook we fought back tenaciously, helped by the invaluable work of Michael Fewster and Patrick McKay.

Despite the depletion of the office goods – a significant amount dumped as rubbish - we are managing to claw our way back. A great boost for us has been the return of Mary Collier who has done a fantastic job on our election campaign, and the return of Linda Khoo, a chartered accountant who has worked part-time for us in the past.

The return of Daniel Andrews as Premier of Victoria is very bad news for our cause. That man, in my opinion, has a lot of blood on his hands.

With limited resources and under Mary's direction we put up a valiant fight at the Victorian election. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our work. Frankly we couldn't manage without you.

In life

Margaret Tighe  
PRESIDENT

## Victorian Election Campaign 2022

Despite limited resources, time constraints and opposition by suppliers, Right to Life Australia delivered an intensive campaign in October/November 2022 leading up to the 26 November 2022 Victorian election. Although we are disappointed at the overall results of the Victorian election, we believe our work in the electorates of Caulfield and Sandringham influenced the results in these seats.

We based our campaign on a similar Victorian campaign in 2010, which was successful in 7 of the 9 seats targeted. [bit.ly/2r1ogWx](https://bit.ly/2r1ogWx)

We concentrated on 3 key electorates - Mulgrave, Sandringham and Caulfield – sending educational brochures to each electorate using Australia Post deliveries. Altogether 130,000 brochures, printed by our supplier Wightons Printers, were delivered.

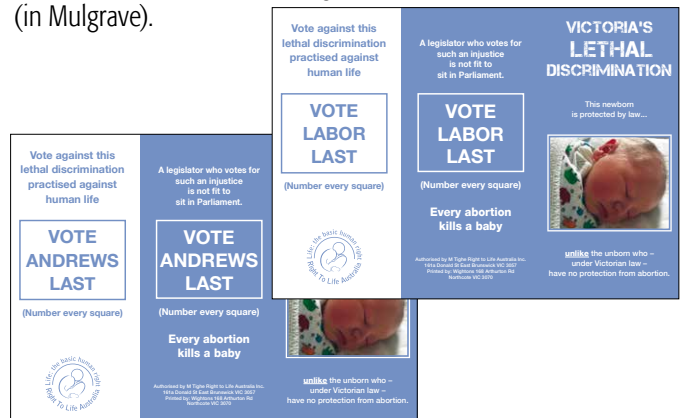
Although the seat of Mulgrave was retained by Daniel Andrews, he suffered a first preference swing against him of -8.5%

Sandringham was retained by Brad Roswell (LIB) with a swing towards him of +3.9%.

The electorate of Caulfield had been held by David Southwick (LIB) by a wafer-thin margin estimated to be 0.04% after a boundary change, equivalent to be about only 100 votes. David has always voted in the Victorian Parliament to protect the unborn and against euthanasia.

A strong campaign against him was waged by Nomi Kaltmann [IND]. Kaltmann is the founder of JOFA - Australia's Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance which has links to the US pro-abortion group Jofa [www.jofa.org](http://www.jofa.org). RTLA worked very hard in this electorate and was delighted the seat was retained by David Southwick.

The core message used in our campaign was **VOTE LABOR LAST** (used in Caulfield and Sandringham) and **VOTE ANDREWS LAST** (in Mulgrave).



## NEWSPAPER AND DIGITAL ADVERTISING

In the electorate of Caulfield, we used traditional news and digital advertising in the Australian Jewish News [www.australianjewishnews.com](http://www.australianjewishnews.com)

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### VOTE TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

- Andrews' Labor government has legalised abortion up till birth! <sup>1</sup>
- Abortion is freely available in most Victorian government hospitals and elsewhere since 2008 – ...now well over 4000 late abortions and still counting....<sup>2</sup>
- Assisted dying or euthanasia was legalised by the Andrews' government in 2017 <sup>3</sup>
- Government figures reveal an alarming increase in the number of deaths from Voluntary Assisted Dying from 190 people in the first year of operation (2019/20) to 401 deaths in the current (2021/22) year. <sup>4</sup>
- All told 901 people have died under this scheme up until 30 June 2022. <sup>4</sup>
- Euthanasia is promoted by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board. Its Chairperson says "the number of people seeking to access voluntary assisted dying continues to increase" and "This is a further indicator of the success of the system!" <sup>4</sup>

**Mr Andrews and his Government are responsible for these attacks on human life**

## VOTE LABOR LAST

Number Every Square

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1 Victorian Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 [bit.ly/2G4p4dn](http://bit.ly/2G4p4dn)  
2 Victorian Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity (CCOPMM) Reports 2009-2020 [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au) [bit.ly/2E8p9en](http://bit.ly/2E8p9en)  
3 Victorian Assisted Dying Act 2017 [www.legislation.vic.gov.au/instruments/voluntary-assisted-dying-act-2017/0001](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/instruments/voluntary-assisted-dying-act-2017/0001) [bit.ly/2H4KdR8](http://bit.ly/2H4KdR8)  
4 Victorian Assisted Dying Report of Operations July 2021 to June 2022 [www.righttolife.com.au/reports-and-publications/voluntary-assisted-dying-report-of-operations-july-2021-to-june-2022](http://www.righttolife.com.au/reports-and-publications/voluntary-assisted-dying-report-of-operations-july-2021-to-june-2022) [bit.ly/2H4KdR8](http://bit.ly/2H4KdR8)

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## MOBILE BILLBOARD

A highly visible mobile billboard was transported through different electorates in the state for six days. Our message was that over 4000 late term abortions and counting have been performed in Victoria -VOTE LABOR LAST. This number is since the passage of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 [when Dan Andrews was Health Minister]. The main electorates where the truck visited were Mulgrave, Caulfield and Sandringham. In the last week of the election we expanded the route to include 3 marginal electorates (Croydon, Brighton and Pakenham) which each ran an EMILY's List candidate.



## WALKING THE STREETS of EAST ST KILDA

A group of "dogged" volunteers leafleted an area which had been shifted from the Prahran electorate in 2018 into the electorate of Caulfield in 2022. The demographic of the area indicated mainly young people living in apartments. However, despite the voting booth records in 2018 showing mainly Greens voters, other demographics gave us an opportunity to have some influence.

## ELECTION DISCLOSURE LAWS

Victoria's strict new campaign funding laws [VEC guidelines] which applied to the 2022 state election directed individual donations above \$1,080 (and caps on cumulative donations) must be disclosed to the Victorian Electoral Commission. Both **RTLA and our donors were required to individually** disclose these donations which are then published on a public VEC site.

# US Midterm Election 2022 Analysis

## The big question is – What went wrong?

Kathy Edgeworth RTLA USA correspondent

The big question is what went wrong? Several explanations have been put forward.

The first is of course early voting. Republicans still haven't managed to get their voters to turn out early. This undoubtedly hurt Republicans in the Pennsylvania Senate election, for instance. The only debate between Dr. Oz and Mr. Fetterman was held after early voting was well under way. Most observers rated Mr. Fetterman's performance as very poor. (He is recovering from a heart attack and stroke). The extent of his recovery was still in question at the time of the election. He had difficulty understanding oral questions and had to have them presented in written form. Undoubtedly a later election would have helped Dr. Oz.

A big question in terms of the senate is the allocation of funds. Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, who controlled a large share of Republican funds, certainly played favorites. He funded Ohio senate candidate J. D. Lance and Alaska Senator Murkowski (a very staunch pro-abortionist) generously, while providing little help to the Senate candidate in Arizona, who ended up losing very narrowly. My view of McConnell is very mixed. If it were not for him the three newest conservative justices would not be on the Court.



Much was made of the economy, especially since the usual definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of declines in Gross Domestic Product, which the country had experienced. However, since the employment rate was still high, the effect of record high inflation was not as devastating as during the Carter years.

The effect of abortion on the results is unclear. In Florida and Louisiana the pro-life Republican Senate candidates won huge victories. Most voters (if exit polls can be believed) cast their ballots on the basis of other issues.

Certainly, a major problem is the bias of big tech as well as the media. Their approach is to bury stories which are unfavorable to Democrats and to paint anybody who disagrees with the woke culture as a hater, who should be canceled. The censorship by twitter, for example, which is just coming out, is a great example.

The good news is that the House of Representatives will be in Republican hands. Spending bills must originate in the House, so we should see some cutbacks in Mr. Biden's programs, as well as difficulty in passing any more ridiculous legislation. In addition, a long overdue investigation of Hunter Biden should commence. I personally have absolutely no respect for a man who has to be dragged kicking and screaming into court to have a DNA test to determine paternity and then has to be threatened with having to disclose his financial assets to an Arkansas Court before reaching a paternity agreement with the mother of his child. On a morning television program, he admitted having no idea why he was offered a lucrative position on the board of a Ukrainian oil company, despite having no knowledge of Ukraine or the oil industry. Could his father's position as Vice President have had anything to do with it? While we are on the subject of pay to play has anybody noticed how contributions to the Clinton Foundation have dropped off since she lost the presidential election in 2016? One figure I read was 75%.

A really interesting development is the evaporation of opposition to Mr. Biden's renomination within his own party. He will be 82, when the next presidential term begins, and his approval ratings are awful. Many Republicans believe he will be easily defeated, especially since it is unlikely that he can run the next campaign from his basement. We'll see. In my view Mr. Trump should not be the Republican nominee. It's time for a change. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is looking very promising, having won Florida by an astounding 20 points. Approximately 850 people per day are moving to Florida, and not just for the sunshine.



## Australia Bleeding to Death

In September 2022 the Australian Senate referred an “inquiry into universal access to reproductive healthcare” to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 31 March 2023 [bit.ly/3VymIVP](https://bit.ly/3VymIVP)

In short - there is a push for more abortion! Mary Collier prepared a submission and we **asked our supporters to send their own submission/letter** to the inquiry. Material unearthed by RTLA revealed the extent of abortion in Australia - particularly late term abortions. Recent data has been published in a renowned Australian journal. “Estimating the abortion rate in Australia from National Hospital Morbidity and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme data” was published in the Medical Journal of Australia in 2021 by researchers Louise A Keogh, Lyle C Gurrin and Patricia Moore and stated the total number of abortions for all women during 2017–18 was 88,287 (17.3 abortions per 1000 women aged 15–44 years).

The study by Keogh, Gurrin and Moore also identified the numbers of prescriptions for combination mifepristone/misoprostol (MS-2 Step) for medical abortion from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) database. Prescribing of medical abortifacients have skyrocketed since being included on the PBS in 2013. Prescriptions of combination mifepristone/misoprostol for medical abortion increased exponentially from 3220 in 2014-15 to 20,741 in 2017-18! More than a sixfold increase in 3 years!

An alarming article by Caroline M Costa in the Medical Journal of Australia 17/10/22 - less than two months ago – states:

“Termination of pregnancy during late gestation is distressing for the parents and can also be challenging for medical and midwifery staff, particularly if the infant shows signs of life after birth. For this reason, it is now common practice to offer parents seeking terminations from 22 weeks’ gestation (and sometimes earlier) feticide by intra-cardiac injection of potassium chloride, with ultrasound scanning control, to ensure stillbirth. These procedures and associated decisions are not well understood by the general public and not widely discussed even in the medical literature”.

[bit.ly/3VC5UYG](https://bit.ly/3VC5UYG)

Aggressive marketing by Marie Stopes International Australia @AustraliaMSI even extends to killing over the blessed Christmas period. Their twitter post on 1/12/22 says Women and pregnant “people” are turned away from public hospitals each week in Australia due to little or no public funding for abortion services. “Choice Fund – this Christmas you can donate to help someone get an abortion – Donate today”. They aim to raise \$100,000 in December to destroy unborn children.

Meanwhile, a Melbourne doctor has also revealed to us that a company - Lend Lease Corporation in the USA is willing to fund travel for women in non-abortion USA states to other states which will provide them with an abortion! Ed.

### ON A POSITIVE NOTE:

The Australian newspaper (6/12/22) journalist Sarah Ison reported the following:

Nationals Senator Matt Canavan and Liberal Senator Alex Antic put forward a private members bill to parliament last week, that would “**enshrine an offence**” for health practitioners who did not provide medical care or treatment to a child “**born alive**”.

Figures from Queensland showed that between 2005 and 2015 just over 200 babies were alive at the late time of termination, with the state’s clinical guidelines stating practitioners should “**support the women’s wishes and preferences**” and “**not provide life sustaining treatment**” to the foetuses. Senator Canavan said babies that were alive at the time of termination still deserved medical care.



## Eugene Ahern – Warrior For Life



Eugene Ahern at Candlelight Vigil (Melb) opposing euthanasia

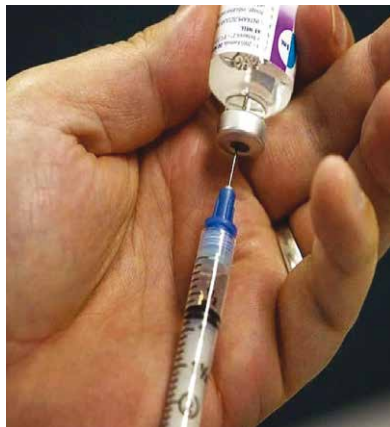
We thank Eugene Ahern (pictured) for his outstanding skills and contribution to our work this year – researching information on parliamentary bills, writing articles for the Right to Life News and action alerts. Eugene was a founding member of The Right to Life Australia over 50 years ago and is still working tirelessly to protect the unborn and stop the death creep of euthanasia in this country.

## Licence to Kill

Douglas Murray

[www.spectator.co.uk](http://www.spectator.co.uk) 29/10/22 [bit.ly/3UxFki7](https://bit.ly/3UxFki7)

So much is happening on the surface at the moment that it can be difficult to notice certain undercurrents. Since the following story has gone almost unheeded in the Anglophone press, let me point at one especially suggestive current which could be glimpsed on the Continent this month.



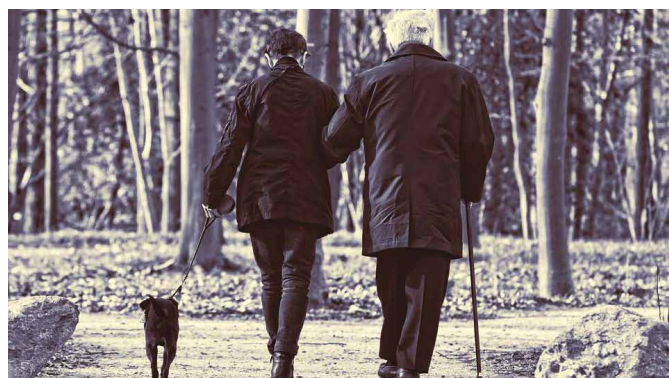
Cast your mind back to March 2016 and you may remember a co-ordinated set of suicide bombings in Brussels: two at the airport, one at a metro station. The three Isis-inspired terrorists managed to kill 32 people that day. But you may, understandably enough, have forgotten about it. The attacks came after the even

larger ones in Paris, and people didn't really have much to say about them. My principal memory is of being asked on to Radio 4's *The Moral Maze* the following evening to discuss the question of whether there are tensions between security and privacy – or some such bilge – and losing what remained of my patience.

The victims that morning included members of a school party heading to Rome. Unlike many of her classmates, Shanti De Corte was not among them. Miraculously, she didn't sustain any physical injuries. But the 17-year-old was standing just a few metres from one of the suicide bombers at the airport and was severely traumatised by what she saw.

As it happens, in a couple of weeks a cell of nine defendants will be going on trial for their role in the attacks. The trial was delayed because of a controversy over the conditions in which they were due to appear in individual closed glass cubicles. This seems to have been deemed inhumane by the Belgian authorities.

Whether being isolated in a self-enclosed glass cubicle is inhumane or not is the sort of row that Belgian justice – like our own – excels at. Assuming at least some of the cell are found guilty, in due course there will doubtless be further rows about the conditions in which the prisoners are kept. One person who will not contribute to that discussion is Shanti De Corte.



This month the news was announced by her family and friends that on 7 May De Corte was euthanised on the authority of the Belgian state. A month earlier a panel of doctors and psychiatrists had judged that the PTSD and depression from which she suffered were incurable. She had requested euthanasia and they granted her request. So they killed her, or at least agreed to let her be put to death by lethal drugging in the decent and painless manner that the state allows. According to the official who oversaw the case, De Corte 'was in such a state of mental suffering that her request was logically accepted'.

I have written here before about the oddity of euthanasia laws in Belgium and the Netherlands. Each time I have, people say: 'You're getting all slippery slope on us, Douglas.' And in some ways they're right, as euthanasia clearly is a slippery slope – perhaps the slipperiest of all. If it weren't, the countries that have legalised it wouldn't be putting people to death because they suffer from depression and other mental illnesses. Incurable cancer is one thing. Degenerative disease among the very elderly is another. But putting young people down because of mental problems?

Of course, just one of the failures that the De Corte case shows is that of available treatments for PTSD and similar psychological trauma. The amount we know about how to deal with the damage caused by such an event as seeing your classmates blown apart in front of your eyes is at a very basic stage. Most likely the pain can never be wholly lifted. Religious faith could probably do something. There are therapies – including the use of specific, currently illegal drugs – which could likely alleviate the most severe symptoms. Yet, for a whole range of reasons, research is in its infancy and western societies have proved much more adept at learning how to kill severely traumatised people than at learning to treat them.

In any case, none of the currently available treatments worked for Shanti De Corte. She reportedly said: 'I wake up and take medicine for breakfast, then up to 11 anti-depressants a day. Without it I can't live, but with all these pills I don't feel anything anymore, I'm a ghost.' In a farewell message to her friends on Facebook she tried to be more positive. 'It was a life of laughter and tears until the last day,' she wrote. 'I loved it and have been allowed to know what true love is. I'm leaving in peace. Know that I already miss you.' She was 23.

So six years on, the Belgian state will officially notch up the number of victims of the 2016 Brussels attacks to 33 people. Yet although De Corte was certainly a victim of the jihadist, it was Belgium that killed her. And there is something deeply strange, almost dystopian, in this.

After all, if the cell of nine people are convicted when they go on trial next month, what is the worst that any of them will suffer? A number of years in a Belgian jail, obviously. The worst offenders may find themselves there for life, joining the other Muslims who make up less than 10 per cent of the country's population but around 30 per cent of its prison inmates.

But it would be impossible, of course, for Belgium to put any of the perpetrators to death. Belgian law, indeed European law, forbids any such thing. In certain states in the US the death penalty exists – also by lethal drugging – but this is scorned by most Europeans, for we are beyond such barbarism. Executing a criminal would be illegal under the European Convention, the European Court of Justice and a whole slew of related laws and protocols. That's because in the 21st century, Europe is so sophisticated that it is unacceptable to execute criminals. Executing their victims, by contrast, is not just acceptable but 'logical'.



# Woman with Chemical Sensitivities Chose Medically-Assisted Death After Failed Bid to get Better Housing

Live Action USA Bridget Sielicki | April 19, 2022, [Excerpt]

A Canadian woman suffering from severe allergies and chemical sensitivities was able to legally end her own life due to the country's expansive medical aid in dying (MAiD) laws. According to **CTV News**, the 51-year-old woman known as Sophia chose to die *simply because she could afford no better place to live*.

Sources say that Sophia suffered from multiple chemical sensitivities (MCS), a chronic condition that left her particularly sensitive to cigarette smoke and chemical cleaners used in her apartment building, which was run by the Salvation Army of Canada. For more than two years, Sophia and a number of supporters, including her family, friends, doctors, and local and federal officials advocated for better living conditions for her but were unable to secure any affordable housing in the Toronto area, where she lived.

"My landlord does not believe anything is wrong with me and refuses to do anything else to help me with regards (to) making this apartment safe for me to live. I have given up hope and have applied for – and now qualify for – MAiD," she said.

Sophia's situation felt hopeless, despite the fact that several doctors tried to help her. "We physicians find it UNCONSCIONABLE that no other solution is proposed to this situation other than medical assistance in dying," they wrote in a **letter** asking for help in securing better housing for Sophia.



"It was an easy fix," said Dr. Riina Bray, a Toronto physician who treats those with environmental sensitivities. "She just needed to be helped to find a suitable place to live, where there wasn't smoke wafting and through the vents." "If people have to go and kill themselves, that would be a very pathetic thing and it will be heard by the rest of the world because it's not acceptable," said Bray.

Rohini Peris, President of the Environmental Health Association of Québec, also decried the situation, saying, "This person begged for help for years, two years, wrote everywhere, called everywhere, asking for healthy housing."

Many are pointing out the alarming fact that Sophia's death was allowed under MAiD regulations, which were **expanded** in March 2021. Prior to the expansion, only people with a "reasonably foreseeable" death were allowed to apply for assisted suicide or euthanasia, but the loosening of the restrictions nixed that requirement and also allowed those with depression and mental illness to qualify. "This is a concerning case," said Trudo Lemmens, a professor of health law at the University of Toronto. "I think it highlights the concerns some [of] us have had in expanding medically assisted death."

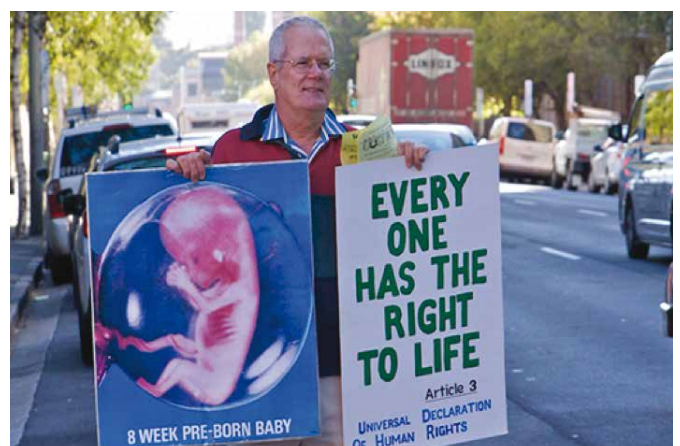
In another alarming development, CTV News reports that others with chemical sensitivities have learned about Sophia's death and are now reaching out to Peris to learn about it for themselves. "I'm terrified," said Peris. "I don't believe this is the answer. I think the answer is to get together and fight the government that they will do the right thing."

## Graham Preston – A Wonderful Witness to Life

Graham Preston of Brisbane reports in his latest email to Right to Life Australia that he has again been attacked by women throwing paint & coffee at him. But he may have influenced some young skateboarders who listened and high-fived him!

He has pointed out the fraud in a GUARDIAN photo of some fluffy white matter ("a clump of cells"?) which purports to be pregnancy tissue from a 10 week abortion. Keep up the good work Graham.

He can be contacted at [contact@protect-life.info](mailto:contact@protect-life.info)



# Fly in, Fly out Doctors to Help with Euthanasia

## UPDATE ON PUSH FOR TELEHEALTH CONSULTATIONS FOR EUTHANASIA

**A REMINDER – Don't forget to Oppose Telehealth video-link consultations for euthanasia and assisted dying**

It is essential we oppose the federal government legislating to allow doctors to use telehealth consultations to authorise physician assisted suicide which all states now allow.

AN ARTICLE IN THE AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER (5/12/22) "Fly in, fly out doctors to help with euthanasia" stated:

Doctors will fly to regional Queensland to help terminally ill patients end their lives next month after the federal government failed to act on plea from state Labor colleagues to change laws restricting assisted dying via telehealth.

Queensland taxpayers will fund the flights to circumvent a federal law that prohibits inciting or counselling "suicide over the phone or internet when the state's scheme begins on January 1.

The Australian revealed in July that federal Attorney-General Mary Dreyfus was investigating changes to the Criminal Code after senior members of the Palaszczuk government raised concerns about doctors being fined \$222,000 for discussing euthanasia via telehealth.

But despite 18 million Australians due to be covered by state assisted-dying schemes by the end of January (2023) the federal government has not yet made legislative amendments to exempt doctors.

With federal parliament not due to resume until February, commonwealth prosecutors could be given guidelines not to charge VAD doctors, which Deputy Premier Steven Miles has previously said would be a "relatively simple thing to do".

Mr Dreyfus's office did not respond to questions about whether he would seek guidelines to shield medics from potential prosecution or when the government would move to change laws, but the matter is expected to be raised at a meeting of the nation's attorneys-general on Friday.



THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR TELEHEALTH TO KEEP ON PUSHING FOR MORE EUTHANASIA!

## DON'T DELAY ACT TODAY!

We urge readers to please contact your local Member of the House of Representatives AND to the Senators representing your state.

Use our contact details in the brochure sent in the September October 2022 RTLA news.

Arguments to use against telehealth consultations for euthanasia and assisted dying

- This is a dramatic step down a perilous path, where physicians would be authorised to prescribe death to patients on demand without even seeing them in person.
- Such telehealth consultations are the most serious step in a patient's life. The consultation must be treated with appropriate seriousness because it involves a "life and death" decision.
- Patients struggling to accept imminent death will, most likely, be deprived of the palliative care that might make the end of their life a journey and not a defeat.
- Palliative care accompanies patients as their struggle through the various stages – or various forms of resistance – to the peaceful acceptance of death. Depriving patients this care and relegating them to a merely a video link "tick" is irresponsible.
- There would be no adequate safeguards from exploitation, such as elder abuse which is so rampant yet hard to detect particularly in a brief video-link consultation in which the "abusers" may well be present.
- atmosphere of merely a video consultation can actually lead to impulsive decision making.

## FEDERAL PARLIAMENT IS NOT SITTING UNTIL FEBRUARY 2023.

## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER URGENT ACTION NEXT YEAR 2023!

# Oppose Fly in, Fly out Death Regime



**Bishop Timothy Harris of Townsville**

**It's a 'death regime' say Queensland bishop opposed to government plan to fly in doctors to help terminally ill patients end their lives**

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER - MARK BOWLING 5 December 2022**

TOWNSVILLE Bishop Tim Harris is a leading voice demanding the Queensland Government rescind a decision to fund doctors flying to regional parts of the state to help terminally ill patients end their lives.

**"Let's call it for what it is – it is a death regime and an assault on a civilised society,"** Bishop Tim Harris said.

**"I mean flying in death squads to assist in the killing of terminally ill people and then flying them out.**

**"To me it is an abomination because people need care, they need continuity of care."**

Queensland taxpayers will fund the FLY IN FLY OUT (FIFO) doctor service to circumvent a federal law that prohibits "inciting or counselling" suicide over the phone or internet when the state's Voluntary Assisted Dying scheme begins on January 1.

Current law prohibits doctors from discussing euthanasia via telehealth, and the federal government has not yet made legislative amendments to exempt doctors, even though federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus is reported to be investigating changes to the Criminal Code.

"So the Queensland government has decided to send FIFO medicos into regional areas to euthanise people but not a dollar for better palliative care... airfares and death are cheaper, I guess," Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge tweeted.

We extend our thanks to Bishop Harris who has always stands up and makes his views clearly known to media and opponents to the dignity of human life.



## March for Life New Zealand 2022

Excerpt Media Release –  
Ken Orr, Spokesman Right to Life NZ Inc 4/12/22

On Saturday 3rd December 2022 members of the Right to Life committee represented Right to Life at the National March for Life in Wellington. We joined just under 3000 men women and children from all over NZ in marching peacefully and joyfully from Civic Square in Wellington to Parliament.

The march was an inspiring witness to the people of our capital of the value of every human life from conception to natural death. It was also a call to end the state sanctioned war against women and the State funded violent murder of the unborn.

No surprise that the march was ignored by all major media except Newshub, who focused on the opposition to the march by a group of only dozens of pro-abortion supporters.

Marchers were addressed and inspired by Pro-Life leaders including Coleen Bayer of Family Life international and former MP Alfred Ngaro.

**The government reports that a total of 13,257 unborn children were killed in 2021. Every day an estimated 36 unborn children are poisoned, sucked out of their mother's womb or violently and painfully dismembered, under the guise that this is health care.**

This genocidal war against our own children is made lawful by the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, designed by the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, which permits a child to be killed on demand up to 20 weeks gestation and up to birth if a doctor considers it "appropriate".

The aim of the March is to appeal to the conscience of our Parliament and government to protect our unborn and their mothers by repealing the Abortion Legislation Act 2020.

More than 550,000 of its children who have been murdered in the womb by the State since 1978.



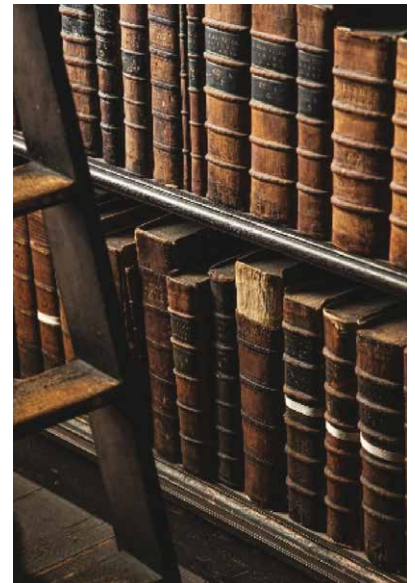
## HELP US RE-STABLISH OUR ARCHIVE

As you are aware our East Brunswick office was completely cleared out in May this year by the previous administration. Many of you have contributed to replacement of office furniture and we are grateful for your donations.

Sadly, our photos, archives, newspaper cuttings, hard copy editions of the Right to Life News and priceless historical material were dumped. This included important legal cases and documents detailing turning points in history which have led to unjust situations of today.

We must recompile our archives that can be drawn upon by a new generation of Right to Lifers who can learn from our successes and failures in the past.

If you have any photographs, newsletters, or any copies of documents that you no longer want to keep and wish to add to our archive, would you please ring the office on 03 9385 0100 in February 2023 to make the arrangements.



## REST IN PEACE

**LENA TAYLOR**

**(20/12/1919 – 28/10/2022)**

We send our condolences to the family of Eleanor Mary Taylor (Lena) - a great and faithful stalwart of Right to Life Australia for decades.

Lena was a mother of 9 children, grandmother of 26 children and great grandmother of 21! At Lena's funeral her daughter spoke about her Mum's passion for Right to Life and supported Margaret Tighe in all her endeavours. Lena attended so many life marches over the years, folded newsletters and was involved in many other projects to uphold the dignity of human life. RIP Lena.



# Appeals Court Blocks Joe Biden's Mandate Trying to Force Christian Doctors to do Abortions

LifeNews.com, Steven Ertelt  
Excerpt Dec 9, 2022 Washington, DC

A federal appeals court has permanently blocked Joe Biden's controversial mandate attempting to force Christian doctors to kill babies in abortions.

Christian medical leaders raised the alarm about a new pro-abortion mandate

from the Biden administration that could shut down Christian health care throughout the U.S. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials planned to revoke a Trump administration rule that protected pro-life medical workers from being forced to kill unborn babies in elective abortions.

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed suit presenting Christian doctors challenging two Biden administration mandates. They say the mandate forces religious nonprofit and for-profit employers to pay for and perform surgeries, procedures, counseling, and treatments that seek to alter one's biological sex and to do abortions – actions that violate their religious beliefs.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the Biden abortion mandate on August 26, 2022 ruling that religious doctors could not be required to perform procedures like abortion that violate their beliefs.

The Biden administration had until November 25th to appeal the ruling and failed to do so – meaning the mandate is now blocked by that appellate court.

Meanwhile, in a second case against the gender mandate, a federal appeals court today permanently blocked the Biden Administration's attempt to force religious doctors and hospitals to violate their conscience. concluding that the Administration's plan would violate a key federal law protecting religious freedom. This is the second appeals court ruling blocking the mandate.

"The federal government has no business forcing doctors to violate their consciences or perform controversial procedures that could permanently harm their patients," said Luke Goodrich, vice president and senior counsel at Becket. "This is a common-sense ruling that protects patients, aligns with best medical practice, and ensures doctors can follow their Hippocratic Oath to 'do no harm.'"

In Sisters of Mercy v. Becerra, a coalition of Catholic hospitals, a Catholic university, and Catholic nuns who run health clinics for the poor challenged the Biden Administration's attempt to invoke the Affordable Care Act to force doctors and hospitals to perform certain procedures like abortion that violate their conscience. A federal district court held that this mandate was unlawful and blocked it from taking effect. **The Biden Administration then appealed to the Eight Circuit, which today concluded that the "district court correctly held that 'intrusion upon the Catholic Plaintiffs' exercise of religion" supported permanent protection.**



"Today's victory sets an important precedent that religious healthcare professionals are free to practice medicine in accordance with their consciences and experienced professional judgment," said Goodrich. "The government's attempt to force doctors to go against their consciences was bad for patients, bad for doctors, and bad for religious liberty."

The mandate, first issued in 2016 and applicable to nearly every doctor in the country, interpreted the Affordable Care Act to require doctors to perform procedures against their will.

Immediately, religious organizations and states sued, challenging the legality of the mandate in multiple courts.

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## Colin Silcock-Delaney Turns 90!

Colin Silcock-Delaney's sporting career extends to running an extraordinary 25 Melbourne marathons and many international events including New York and the prestigious Boston marathon! Colin is a proud supporter of Right to Life Australia and turned 90 on 13 October 2022 celebrating with a huge party in Geelong.

Celebrity guests included current and past footballers and executives of the Melbourne Spartans. Colin's commitment to Right to Life has seen him participate in all aspects of fundraising including the Great Walks and hiking on the Great Ocean Walks in 2011 2015 – a minor walk in the park for him! His life story is one of great tenacity and courage. The photo is of Colin and Mary Collier at the 90th birthday party.

