



Right to Life New Zealand

RIGHT TO LIFE Questions For Candidates Standing in the General Election 2011

Life is a precious gift from God. At conception we are endowed by God with an inalienable right to life.

The Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act, 1977 was passed by Parliament to provide effective legal protection for the human rights of unborn children. The long title of the Act states; "...that abortions may be authorised only after full regard to the rights of the unborn child." Since 1978 there have been nearly 400,000 notified abortions. The total of notified abortions for 2009 was 17,550, which represents one abortion for every three live births.

The Royal Commission reported to Parliament in 1977 that "Human life begins at conception and that the unborn child, as one of the weakest, the most vulnerable forms of humanity, should receive protection."

The killing of an unborn child is a serious crime under the Crimes Act 1961, an exemption is however granted for special and serious reasons.

Justice Miller in the High Court in Wellington following a judicial review of the performance of the Abortion Supervisory Committee stated in his judgment of 9 June 2008 that; "there is reason to doubt the lawfulness of many abortions authorised by certifying consultants. Indeed the Committee itself has stated that the law is being used more liberally than Parliament intended."

Abortion is state funded and sanctioned violence against the weakest member of the human family. Abortion also hurts women; research reveals considerable potential complications following an abortion, sterility, cervical incompetence resulting in premature future deliveries and serious psychiatric conditions.

Right to Life would be grateful if you would kindly complete the following questionnaire and return it to the Society. The results may be shown on our Society's web site. www.righttolife.org.nz

Candidates Name

Candidates Party

Electorate

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If elected to Parliament at this general election, would you:

1. **The Crimes Act states that an unborn child does not become a human being until it is born. Would you support legislation that would give legal recognition to the status of an unborn child from conception as a human being endowed with human rights, the foundation right being an inalienable right to life?**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

2. **The Care of Children Act provides that a girl under the age of 16 may have an abortion without the knowledge or consent of the parents or guardian, Would you support an amendment to the Act that would protect parental rights by requiring that an abortion may not be performed on a girl under 16 without the **consent** of the parents.**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

3. **The Care of Children Act provides that a girl under the age of 16 may have an abortion without the knowledge or consent of the parents or guardian, Would you support an amendment to the Act that would protect parental rights by requiring that an abortion may not be performed on a girl under 16 without the **knowledge** of the parents.**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

4. **Oppose legislation that would give doctors the right to kill or assist in the suicide of their patients [Euthanasia].**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

5. **Support the right to life of every individual from conception by opposing embryonic stem cell research that entails the destruction of human embryos.**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

6. **Uphold the state of marriage as being exclusively for a man and a woman.**

Support Oppose Undecided Refuse to say

Thank you for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire.

Again please kindly return it completed to admin@righttolife.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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