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'INFANTICIDE'

SENATORS VOTE AGAINST MOTION TO PROTECT BABIES BORN ALIVE AFTER ABORTION

A day of shame for Australia. On 20 August, our federal politicians voted to allow babies born alive in Victoria and QLD after an abortion to die without medical assistance while they die. Thus United Australia Party Senator Ralph Babet introduced an urgency motion was rejected.

Watch Peta Credlin (Tony Abbott's chief of Staff when he was PM) call out the callousness: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfqXD6RyxoQ

Midwife's Harrowing Evidence Of Babies Left To Die After Abortions

www.vision.org.au/news/midwifes-harrowing-evidence-of-babies-left-to-die-after-abortions/

Midwife's testimony

www.instagram.com/reel/C-6gNhWyTo1/?igsh=MndvcGJhNDhnODAz

32 AGAINST 18 SUPPORT

WHO VOTED AND HOW

List of which politicians voted against caring for the most vulnerable human beings as they're dying (scroll down). www.dailydeclaration.org.au/2024/08/21/majority-of-senate-vote-to-deny-medical-care-to-dying-babies-born-alive-after-a-failed-abortion

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SUBMISSIONS

In March 2023, two submissions were lodged by the Catholic Women's League to the Senate Inquiry regarding the *Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022.*

The CWLA Bioethics Convenor (on behalf of CWLA) and the Australian Catholic Medical Association (ACMA) made a joint submission, and a separate submission was made by Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga.

Search for submissions here:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/ChildrenBornAlive2022/Submissions CWLA and ACMA (Submission #25)
CWLVWW (Submission #26)

ACTIONS:

SIGN THE PETITION

- Dr Joanna Howe, who gave an excellent presentation at the CWLA Conference in May this year, has created the "Birth Equality" petition. It states: "We ask the federal parliament to pass the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2023 and to give a right to medical care to all babies born alive in Australia irrespective of the circumstances of their birth." Sign the petition here: www.drjoannahowe.com/birthequality
- Consider writing or ringing you local federal parliamentarian to either thank them if they voted to care for these babies or to express your concern if they voted down the bill.

A SAD DAY FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The Court of Australia verdict in the Tickle vs Giggle appeal case is in.

BACKGROUND

Today (23 August) a woman called Sall Grover "Giggle", lost her case to a man who identifies as a woman "Tickle" because he wasn't allowed on a woman's only app she had created. He "Tickle" was awarded \$10,000 and Court costs. Sall is now looking at a costly constitutional challenge.

They didn't find that Sall "Giggle" intentionally discriminated against "Tickle" on the basis of gender; they found indiscriminate discrimination.

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A SAD DAY FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS (CONTINUED ...)

"Women in Australia are allowed no space where men cannot enter, none at all, not even a digital space. Never seen a better argument for the repeal of 'gender change' legislation 'Just be kind' has led to the erasure of every single female space".

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www.x.com/leng_cath/status/1826764353489731735 (Fornerly BBC for 20 years)

FEDERAL COURT JUDGEMENT

www.judgments.fedcourt.gov.au/judgments/Judgments/fca/single/2024/2024fca0960

QLD INQUIRY INTO LIVE BIRTHS (FROM LATE BIRTH ABORTIONS) UNVEILS SHOCKING DETAILS

The Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Live Births as a consequence of abortion procedures has unveiled shocking details what happens when late term abortions are performed.

A media release by Australian Christian Lobby states: "During the Inquiry Dr. Joanna Howe, Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide, cited a study from the Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology which studied 241 late term abortions between 20 weeks and 24 weeks. Over 50% of those babies were born alive and the average survival time was 32 minutes. One child in that study survived for 267 minutes".

Testimony at public hearing for Babies Born Alive Bill www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HBDP_dvqWQ

Shocking Revelation of Routine Live Birth Abortions | ACL:

www.acl.org.au/media/shocking-revelation-of-routine-live-birth-abortions

ACTION

Consider organising a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament with other Catholic women or members of the Catholic Women's League to pray for this situation.

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION LAWS UPDATE

Anthony Albanese appears to have confirmed he would not proceed with religious discrimination laws (Friday 9 August). The prime minister said the timeframe he had set for bipartisan agreement had passed, and that bipartisan agreement had not been reached.

SOURCE: 'Labor Appears to Abandon Religious Discrimination Bill after PM Comments' | The Daily Declaration www.dailydeclaration.org.au/2024/08/12/labor-abandon-religious-discrimination-bill

In a statement released on 13 August, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli commented: 'I trust that the Prime Minister will be true to his word that protections for people of faith will not go backwards under his leadership.'

Read the full statement:

www.melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishop-calls-for-existing-protections-to-remain-as-pm-abandons-religious-discrimination-bill Lawyer, Mark Fowler from The Australian writes:

"The previous government consulted extensively on its religious discrimination bill. While religious leaders expressed broad support for the final of its four versions, they held a range of remaining concerns.

The Australian reports that the proposed reform model provided to Mr Dreyfus and Senator Cash by Archbishops Peter A Comensoli and Anthony Fisher OP drew on these concerns by seeking to ensure judges cannot assume the role of theologian."

Article: www.cathnews.com/2024/08/22/take-politics-out-of-religious-discrimination-reform

WHO PANDEMIC TREATY UPDATE

The WHO Pandemic Treaty struck a hurdle as countries could not agree on over half of the thirty-four articles of the draft treaty in time for the World Health Assembly in May 2024.

SOURCE: 'Pandemic Treaty Falters, Stand Off Between Rich and Poor' | C-Fam www.c-fam.org/friday_fax/pandemic-treaty-falters-stand-off-between-rich-and-poor

But there's a greater threat according to George Christiensen ...

"Earlier this year, the Australian Government established the Centre for Disease Control (CDC). This CDC is now poised to enforce the World Health Organization's (WHO) new International Health Regulations (IHRs), which were adopted at the World Health Assembly under dubious legal circumstances."

Full article: www.nationfirst.substack.com/p/think-the-pandemic-treaty-stopped?utm_source=publication-search

ACTION - SIGN THE PETITION:

www.citizengo.org/en-au/fr/13701-break-free-from-un-control-reject-the-international-health-regulations-

THE GOOD NEWS!

DR JOANNA HOWE - VICTORY FOR PRO-LIFE ADVOCACY

Dr Joanna Howe has won a Fair Work Commission case against her employer, the University of Adelaide. The victory will allow her to continue her research on abortion.

"I don't think any Australian should face punitive consequences for saying what they think on an issue like abortion, and we should have robust protections to ensure free speech is encouraged and facilitated," she said.

Adelaide academic Joanna Howe wins victory for pro-life advocacy:

www.catholicweekly.com.au/joanna-howe-wins-victory-for-advocacy-against-abortion-australia

Australian pro-life advocate gets big win for free speech:

www.aleteia.org/2024/08/17/australian-pro-life-advocate-gets-big-win-for-free-speech

HEALINGS AT CWLVWW WOMEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday 17 August over 200 women of all ages attended a Women's Retreat in Melbourne with Fr Frankie from the UK. Organised by the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, the theme for the retreat was "Living with Joy". Women have since testified of spiritual and physical healings through Eucharistic Healing during Adoration. Fr Frankie Mulgrew was a professional entertainer before answering a calling to become a Catholic priest.

Find out more here: www.instagram.com/catholicwomensleague

PRAYER IN VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT RETAINED

Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A. Comensoli, made a statement on 1 August 2024:

"It is pleasing that both major political parties in Victoria are now agreed on retaining the practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer in the Victorian Parliament each sitting day.

This is a great outcome, which shows the value of people of faith standing up respectfully and being heard."

 ${\tt SOURCE:} \quad www.melbournecatholic.org/news/statement-from-archbishop-peter-a-comensoli-on-prayer-in-parliament}$



