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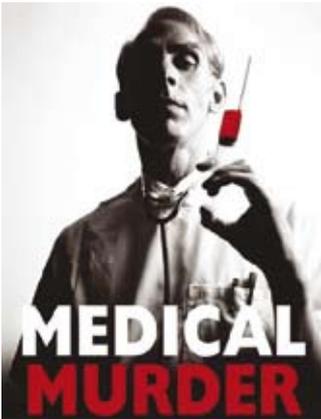
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## Labour MP, Iain Lees-Galloway proposes legislation to allow Doctors to Kill their Patients or Assist in their suicide

Right to Life is disappointed that Labour MP, Iain Lees-Galloway has publicly announced that he is preparing to resubmit to the ballot the highly controversial Private Member's bill, "End of Life Choice bill" of the defeated Labour MP, Maryan Street.



Mr. Iain Lees-Galloway, M.P.

It is understood that the bill will not be amended and that it has wide support among the Labour caucus. Right to Life calls on the members of the Labour caucus to reject a culture of death and promote a culture of life by treating this vile bill with the contempt that it deserves. Have not the Labour Party been already given a clear message from the electorate at the recent election? The Labour Party was proudly founded on an ethos of protecting human life and the vulnerable and the defenceless. Why then, in recent years, has the Labour Party been taken over by those who seek to take away the right to life of those most at risk?

**Mr Lees-Galloway, the community did not elect you to Parliament with a mandate to deliberate on how we could be legally murdered.**

It is disappointing that the Labour caucus appear to have forgotten that the primary duty of government is to legislate to protect the right to life of all members of the community and not to legislate for their destruction. Those who seek to govern who do not accept this fundamental principle, disqualify themselves from governing.

This noxious bill is a poison chalice. It would be the height of folly for the Labour caucus to allow this evil bill to be placed back in the ballot. Should this happen, Right to Life predicts that the first casualty of this bill will sadly again be the Labour Party, who will face an even greater decline in support at the next election and will be punished by being relegated to a fourth term in opposition.

Euthanasia is all about doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide. It is being promoted as a good to be sought, as a humane objective, however if introduced it will inflict lethal violence on the most vulnerable members of our community, the aged, the handicapped, the disabled and the seriously ill. No safeguards will ever prevent it spreading from those who do want it to those who don't. It is promoted as compassion and loving care; it is not. We are told that we need euthanasia to stop patients dying in intolerable pain. That is false, excellent palliative care is available in New Zealand, no person needs to suffer intolerable pain. Euthanasia is not about control of pain but about disposing of lives deemed not worthy of life. The proposed End of Life Choice bill is, in our opinion, more dangerous than any other euthanasia legislation introduced in other jurisdictions. It provides

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*“Woe to you  
 if you do not defend life”  
 John Paul II*

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for any person who is lonely and depressed or who finds life a burden and intolerable to have their life terminated; this is monstrous and to have the implications of this bill hidden in emotive appeals is heinous.

**Euthanasia is promoted with arguments designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable. There is no dignity in being murdered by your doctor.**

Euthanasia is an evil that is part of a culture of death; it is the same culture that inflicts violence against vulnerable women and their defenceless and innocent unborn. We were told in 1977 when the abortion laws were passed that there would be few abortions, that was a lie and today we have abortion on demand with nearly 15,000 children murdered in their mother’s womb each year. We are told by the promoters of a culture of death that there would be few euthanasia cases each year and that only those who wanted euthanasia would be killed. Dr Boer, an academic in the field of ethics at Utrecht University in the Netherland, had argued seven years ago in support of euthanasia, that a ‘good euthanasia law’ would produce relatively low numbers of deaths. Speaking in a personal capacity more recently, he said, that he now believed that the very existence of a euthanasia law turns assisted suicide from a last resort into a normal procedure; we cannot allow this to happen in New Zealand.

Dr Boer, who has since 2005 been a member of a review committee that monitors euthanasia deaths, stated recently to a Select Committee in the House of Lords in the UK, that: Euthanasia is now becoming so prevalent in the Netherlands, that it is ‘on the way to becoming a default mode of dying for cancer patients’. He pleaded with the Committee not to make the same mistake as was made in Holland, where Assisted deaths have increased by about 15 per cent every year since 2008 and where the number could hit a record 6,000 this year. Campaigns for doctor-administered death to be made ever easier ‘will not rest’ until a lethal pill is made available to anyone over 70 who wishes to die.

May God protect our nation and its people from euthanasia and a rapacious culture of death.

Right to Life encourages those opposed to this bill to contact Mr Lees-Galloway and to request that he does not go ahead with re-submitting this dangerous bill to the ballot.

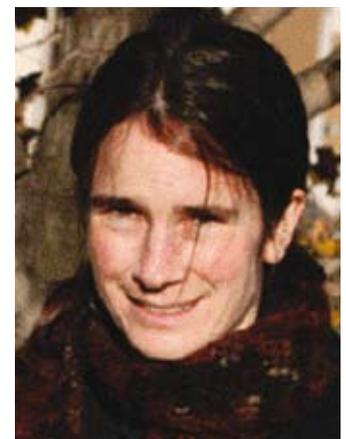
His address at Parliament is [jain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:jain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz) or Freepost 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160.

**Mary Wagner Prisoner of Conscience**

On August 15, 2012, Mary Wagner was arrested after she entered the waiting room of a Toronto abortion clinic and offered help to any woman who would consider changing her mind.

She has been in jail ever since on charges of “mischief: interference with lawful enjoyment/ operation of a business,” and breach of a probation order that prohibits her from being within 200 meters of any place where abortions are performed in Ontario.

This was the sixth time Mary had been arrested since she began her campaign of civil disobedience in March 2010. Since then, she has spent nearly three years in prison. Mary was released from prison in July 2014.



*“Rescue those who are being dragged to their death, tarry not to come to their aid.”* Proverbs 24:11



## Doctor who facilitated Unlawful Killing of Unborn Protected from Facing Criminal Charges

### Why did the Medical Council and the Abortion Supervisory Committee not lay a complaint with Police for four serious crimes committed against unborn children by a disgraced Doctor?

A doctor called Dr N, was recently found guilty of professional misconduct by the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal for breaches of the Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977. She was also found guilty of prescribing the drug Misoprostol unlawfully to four women for the purpose of terminating the lives of their unborn children. Doctor N has been granted permanent name suppression by the High Court. The case is reported on the web site of the Tribunal under recent decisions and is numbered Medical 12/224P.

The Tribunal suspended Dr N from practicing for six months last year and imposed a number of other requirements concerning the conduct of her practice. The Tribunal found that the doctor had acted unlawfully in breach of the Contraception Sterilisation Act 1977. The Act requires that abortions may be authorised by two Certifying Consultants appointed by the Abortion Supervisory Committee and that pregnancy counselling be available and offered. The law also requires that abortions take place only in a facility licensed to perform abortions. Dr N failed to meet these requirements which are there to protect the health and welfare of women and to protect the right to life of unborn children. Dr N placed the health and lives of her patients in grave jeopardy by failing to carry out a proper physical examination of the women or by providing the women with any information relating to the potential serious consequences of taking this dangerous and lethal drug. One woman was required to have her fallopian tube removed because she had an ectopic pregnancy.

**It is a serious crime to kill an unborn child. The Crimes Act 1961, section 183 states that anyone who unlawfully administers any poison or drug to any women for the purpose of procuring a miscarriage is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.**

#### Why then are criminal charges not being heard in Court?

Three children in the womb have had their lives unlawfully and violently terminated by Dr N. This is a violation of the children's inalienable human rights, the foundation right being a right to life. The fourth child was sadly in an ectopic pregnancy implanted in its mother's fallopian tube. While Right to Life has a degree of sympathy for Dr N who claimed that she was suffering from stress from a very busy practice and notwithstanding that Dr N may well have been sincere in endeavouring to do her best for four of her patients who were faced with a crisis pregnancy, it is important that the lives of unborn children are protected under law.

The Tribunal has completed its proceedings in this serious and tragic case. Right to Life has been following this case since May 2013, when it was reported in the Christchurch Press. Our Society contacted the Tribunal on 8th April and was advised that it was not the duty of the Tribunal to refer this matter to the Police. The Tribunal advised that it has exercised its jurisdiction by dealing with the breaches of the CS & A Act 1977 and that it is not the duty of the Tribunal to deal with breaches of the Crimes Act. The appropriate venue for that is a Court of law. However Right to Life believe that justice has not been done. We wrote to the Medical Council on 23rd April asking why the Medical Council had not made a complaint to the Police. The Chief Executive Officer, Philip Pigou replied on 8 May and advised that,

**"Any person may refer information in their possession to the Police if that person believes it is appropriate in the circumstances."**

This tragic case raises a number of important questions;

- Why did the Medical Council not report Doctor N to the Police in order that criminal charges could be brought to the Court for violations of section 183 of the Crimes Act?
- In the absence of action by the Medical Council, why did the Abortion Supervisory Committee not institute proceedings against Doctor N?

Right to Life wrote to the Abortion Supervisory Committee on 21st April asking why the Committee had not initiated proceedings with the Police in respect to Doctor N. We also sought confirmation that Doctor N was no longer a Certifying Consultant and asked if the Committee would consider making a submission to the Minister of Health to seek a change to the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2004, to ensure that in future, that where there is a breach of the Crimes Act, that these matters are referred to the Police? The Committee responded in July and advised that Dr N was no longer a Certifying Consultant and that it was not their intention to advise the Police.

**Right to Life in the absence of action by the Medical Council and the Committee laid a complaint with the Police against Dr N for four breaches of section 183 of the Crimes Act. 'Procuring abortion by any means'. Our Society's complaint is now being investigated by the Police.**

# Abortion Statistics 2013 - New Zealand Rejecting a Culture of Death



Right to Life is encouraged that the number of abortions in 2013 announced by Statistics NZ, reveals a further continuing reduction in the number of unborn children killed before birth. There were 14,073 abortions in 2013. This is the lowest number of abortions since 1995 [13,652] Right to Life believes that there is an increasing awareness that abortion is the murder of the innocent and violence against women. There is also an increasing awareness that abortion damages women's health with an increased risk of breast cancer, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, grief, anger, regret and increased depression. Right to Life commends those brave and courageous women who when faced with an unplanned pregnancy chose life for their child. These are truly heroic women who deserve our admiration and support. Right to Life also commends the majority of the medical profession who faithful to the Declaration of Geneva have sworn to maintain the greatest respect for human life.

Family Planning credit the decrease in abortions to the increased use of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives. This is untrue as the abortion ratio provides irrefutable evidence that the reason for the decrease was that more women chose life for their babies. The abortion ratio for 2013 was 192 abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies. Known pregnancies include live births, stillbirths and induced abortions combined, but does not include miscarriages.

- The total number of abortions reported in 2013 was 14,073, 672 less than the 14,745 reported in 2012. The number reported for 2013 is the lowest since 1995 (13,652).
- There is a notable decrease in the abortion rate for women aged 15-19 years. This is down from 27 per 1,000 in 2007 to 14 in 2013.
- The general abortion rate was 15.4 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, down from 16.1 per 1,000 in 2012.
- There were 5,133 women who were having a repeat abortion. 3,312 women were having their second abortion, 1,210 women were having their third abortion, 410 their fourth, 132 their fifth, 46 their sixth, 7 their seventh and 18 their eighth or more abortion. Why is this? How many women are using abortion as a form of contraception?
- Women aged 20-24 years had the highest abortion rate (27 abortions per 1,000 women aged 20-24 years).
- 194 unborn were killed in their mother's womb on the grounds that they had a serious disability; in 2012 the number was 203, all in violation of the rights of the disabled.
- It is not known how many abortions were authorised where the woman sought consideration of an alleged rape.
- There were 73 abortions that were of 20 weeks or more duration compared with 92 in 2012. 11 were over 23 weeks and 2 were over 24 weeks, 11 were over 25 weeks.
- 56 per cent of abortions were performed before the 10th week of the pregnancy.

The government continues to promote the killing of unborn children as a "core health service", that has unlimited funding and no waiting list. It is not a health service and it has no place in our public health system. Women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy deserve compassion and practical assistance to bring their child to birth. The killing of the child is not the solution to this important social issue. No child is unwanted as there are many families that are unable to have children, who would love to adopt a child in an open adoption that allows the birth mother to have an on-going relationship with their child. Why does the government continue to refuse to promote adoption as the loving option?

**Right to Life must keep asking; why are many of our churches  
silent on this crucial justice issue?**

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## Controversial Abortionist Sought Seat in Parliament

It is understood that Dr Rosemary Jane Fenwicke sought the nomination of the National Party for the Wellington Central electorate at the recent general election, she was unsuccessful in obtaining this nomination.

Right to Life wrote to the Prime Minister and the Chairman of the National Party Wellington Central Electorate Committee to express our concerns and opposition to Dr Fenwicke being nominated as a candidate for Parliament.

Right to Life believes that should Dr Fenwicke, who is a member of the Wellington Central Electorate Committee, have been elected to Parliament it would have constituted a serious conflict of interest. The first duty of Parliament is to uphold effective legal protection for the right to life of every person from the moment of conception until natural death. The great American statesman Thomas Jefferson stated; "The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government".

The following constituted a considerable conflict of interest. Dr Fenwicke, is a certifying consultant and an abortionist at the Te Mahoe abortion facility at the Wellington Hospital. This facility is the second busiest abortion mill in New Zealand. It was reported that 2,252 abortions took place there in 2012. Dr Fenwicke has been working at this facility for many years and is responsible for the violent killing of many thousands of innocent and defenceless unborn children and promoting the war against women.

Dr Fenwicke supports the decriminalisation of abortion that would remove all legal protection for the right to life of unborn children who are the weakest and most defenceless members of the human family. Decriminalisation would mean that an abortion could be performed during the full nine months of pregnancy, for any reason, or for no reason.

Dr Fenwicke is a member of the New Zealand Family Planning Association and was the Medical Director of the Central Region for Family Planning from 1987 to 1990. The Association is an affiliate of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which is at the forefront of promoting worldwide, a culture of death, with contraception, sterilisation and abortion. The Federation also supports the notorious one child family policy of China with forced abortions and sterilisations.

The Family Planning Association in 2013 made a submission to the periodic review of the human rights performance of the New Zealand government. The Association submitted that the government was guilty of human rights abuses against women, by failing to decriminalise abortion.

**It is totally inappropriate that Dr Fenwicke who supports these outrageous and false accusations should have sought to be a member of government.**

Dr Fenwicke is however mistaken in believing that we can assist women by killing their children and promoting contraception, sterilisation and abortion. Dr Fenwicke also supports comprehensive sex education which promotes teenage promiscuity which results in teenage pregnancies, STI's, exploited and abandoned women and abortions.

Dr Fenwicke's advocacy of a culture of death disqualifies her from being a Member of our Parliament. The National Party would be most unwise to nominate Dr Fenwicke for the Wellington Central electorate at any future election, or any other electorate, or even for a place on the National Party list. Those in our community who defend a culture of life would be deeply concerned should Dr Fenwicke be nominated as a candidate for Parliament. In the event that Dr Fenwicke had been nominated, we believe it would have had serious consequences for the National Party.

Right to Life is pleased that Dr Fenwicke was not selected by the National Party as a candidate at the general election.



Dr Rosemary Jane Fenwicke

*Assisting suicide is against the criminal law, and with good reason. The prohibition is there to protect vulnerable people'*

**Baroness Butler-Sloss, Former Head of English Family Court**

### PUT LIFE INTO YOUR WILL!

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## Greens Declare War on Women, Unborn and Disabled

The Green Party has declared support for decriminalising abortion. This is bad news for women and their precious unborn. The decriminalising of abortion would mean that it would no longer be a crime to kill an unborn child. An abortion would be at the request of a woman for any reason or no reason. The Green Party was successful in a coalition government with Labour in Victoria (2008) and Tasmania (2013) in decriminalising abortion, which effectively means that an abortion is available on request for the full nine months of pregnancy in those Australian states.

The first and only duty of government is to legislate for the protection of the right to life of all its members and not to preside over their destruction. The Green Party has now abdicated its duty to protect our unborn children, the weakest and most defenceless members of our human family and has now made itself unfit to be in government.



Right to Life believes that many citizens were repulsed by the Green's adoption of a culture of death and were apprehensive of voting for Labour in the belief that Labour could be enticed into supporting the Green's sinister proposal. **Right to Life requested that the Labour Party make a public commitment not to enter into any coalition agreement with the Greens to decriminalise the killing of the unborn. They refused.**

The Greens have declared war on women. There are 200 million women missing in the world because of sex selection abortions alone. The current abortion legislation in New Zealand protects women by making it unlawful to kill a child in the womb because it is not the desired sex. The Greens now want to legalise the killing of female children in the womb because they are not the desired sex. This is monstrous. Just how does the Green's represent the best interest of women?

The Greens have also made war against the disabled. Decriminalisation would allow the killing of the disabled for the full nine months of pregnancy. The present legislation makes it a crime to kill a disabled child with Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida or some other disability after 20 weeks gestation. How then are the Greens promoting a society that supports and welcomes the disabled?

The Greens have no respect for the conscience of doctors, who are opposed to the killing of the innocent. The Greens would legislate to force doctors who are opposed to the killing of the innocent to refer women seeking an abortion to another doctor who will facilitate the killing of the child. This would be an unacceptable tyranny. How then do the Greens respect the conscience of doctors committed to respecting the sanctity of life of every human being?

The Greens pretend to promote choice as a right. There is no human right to kill another human being. The Greens pretend that abortion is a health service; it is not. Rather it is the ultimate in child abuse. If the Greens are really concerned about the health and welfare of women and their babies, they will promote open adoption which is the loving option. Why can the Greens not see that their promotion of the decriminalisation of abortion is a serious threat to the lives of our unborn and the health and welfare of our women. New Zealanders should be grateful that a Labour-Greens coalition was not elected to be our government.

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*“Abortion is the last in a long line of non-choices. If the child is unwanted, whether by her or her parents, it will be her duty to undergo an invasive procedure and an emotional trauma and so sort the situation out. The crowning insult is that this ordeal is represented to her as some kind of a privilege. Her sad and onerous duty is garbed in the rhetoric of a civil right.”*

**Germaine Greer (The Whole Woman, Doubleday, 1999)**

# Tasmania - Declares War against Women & the Unborn - A Wakeup Call for New Zealand

**The Tasmanian Upper House has declared war on the women of Tasmania by inflicting on them the most anti-woman abortion legislation on the planet.**

Women are no longer safe from having their child in their womb killed during the whole nine months of their pregnancy. The law passed by the Upper House in Hobart on the 21 st November 2013, has now effectively declared that the State of Tasmania has no interest in protecting the life of her child as a future citizen or in protecting the mother's health and welfare. Abortion has been taken out of the Crimes Act and is now treated as a health issue. It is no longer a crime to kill an unborn child. Abortion is provided on request up to 16 weeks gestation with no reason whatsoever required. After 16 weeks and up to birth, the unborn child may be killed, if two doctors believe that "continuing the pregnancy involves greater risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the woman than if the pregnancy was terminated." There is now effectively abortion on demand up to birth, according to a legal expert.

Tasmania now joins Victoria and ACT in taking abortion out of the Crimes Act and making the killing of the unborn a health issue. There is no legal requirement to provide counseling for a woman to consider the options of parenthood or adoption or to be provided with information concerning the development of her child. There is also no requirement for a woman to give informed consent.

The new law does not recognise the right to life of the unborn child. Mothers, the second victim of abortion, are now further exposed to being coerced by others, such as the father of the child and or family and friends. Overseas studies reveal that 60 per cent of women are coerced into having an abortion, when in fact they do not want one.

The Reproductive Health Bill was a private Members bill, sponsored by the Minister of Health, Michelle O'Byrne and passed by a Labour/Green government nine to five. She said that this new law brought Tasmania into the 21st Century and helped to remove the stigma of abortion. **How do you remove the stigma of the murder of the innocent and defenceless unborn?** This is a wake-up call for New Zealand as it is believed that this was the intention of the Labour and Green Members of Parliament, should they have become government, to impose the same tyrannical legislation on the women of New Zealand.

We should recognise that abortion is violence against women and their defenceless unborn. The place of women in God's plan for procreation is central, for what greater privilege is there than to be a woman and a mother? It is an outrageous assault on the dignity of women. If the law denies the humanity of the unborn and its inalienable right to life and declares that killing your child is not a crime but a "health service" and a human right, then we not only insult women and deny their God-given dignity as women and mothers, but we create a society which legislates violence as a legitimate means of getting what we want. This flies in the face of every other message we are sending as a society to its members about the use of violence.

Studies conducted overseas reveal that eighty per cent of women having an abortion would not have had their child killed if they had been offered help.

A further very disturbing component of this act is that attacks the fundamental human right of freedom of conscience and the right to free speech. A doctor who in conscience does not want to be involved in the killing of the innocent, is legally obligated to provide a woman considering an abortion with the name and contact details of a doctor who will terminate the life of her child. He thus becomes complicit in the killing of his patient in the womb. He is liable to face disciplinary proceedings within his profession and could be struck off. A similar obligation is imposed on a counsellor, should the counsellor refuse to provide the name of an abortionist and their contact details. The counsellor can be charged and brought before a court and if convicted, a fine of A\$4,525 can be imposed.

The Act also violates the right of free speech and assembly. Under the provisions, no person may enter an area within 150 meters of an abortion facility to pray, to protest at the killing of the innocent, or to offer assistance to choose life for her baby, to any woman seeking an abortion.. Under this law any person breaching this law can be arrested and brought before the court and on conviction, may be fined up to A \$9,750 and or be imprisoned for up to twelve months.



Michelle O'Byrne

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*When a woman is pregnant, she has a choice,  
a dead baby or a live baby.*

# Family Planning Association and Abortion Law Reform Association support Discrimination against Women

According to the European Parliament there are 200 million women missing in the world. The major reason for this is sex selection abortions which happen in every nation but predominately in Asian countries; China, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. In China, 113 boys are born for every 100 girls. The social effects on a nation of such a serious gender imbalance is catastrophic.

Under the Crimes Act, sex selection abortions are unlawful in New Zealand. The Abortion Supervisory Committee, in response to an enquiry from Right to Life, advised that enquiries made with Certifying Consultants revealed that they were unaware of sex selection abortions being performed in New Zealand. The truth is we don't know. It is believed that sex selection abortions are performed in New Zealand under the guise of mental health which is the ground used by Certifying Consultants to provide for what is in effect abortion on demand.

The NZFPA [New Zealand Family Planning Association] and ALRANZ [Abortion Law Reform Association] support the war against women with sex selection abortions as a woman's right to choose. In November last year, the NZFPA featured as its key note speaker at its AGM in Wellington, Cecile Richards the CEO of Planned Parenthood USA. **She recently said in opposition to a legal ban on sex selection abortions that a ban "would limit a woman's choices as she makes personal decisions."**

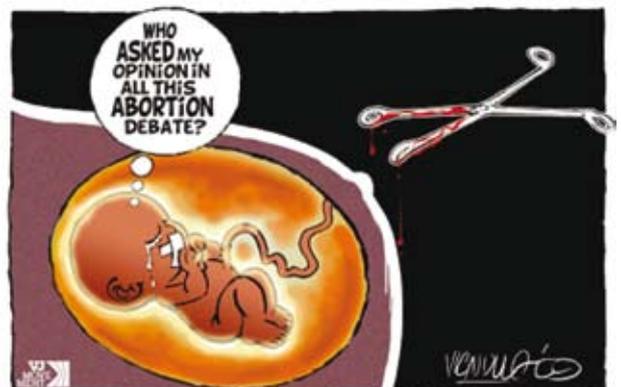
The NZFPA and ALRANZ want the law changed to allow for the killing of female babies in the womb. They are advocating for the decriminalisation of abortion in New Zealand. This would remove all legal protection for the right to life of unborn children. It would remove the killing of unborn children from the Crimes Act and their killing would be treated as a health matter. It would no longer be a crime to kill an unborn child. A woman would be able to have an abortion for any reason or no reason for the full nine months of pregnancy. It would then no longer be a crime to kill a female child in the womb for the reason that only a male child was wanted.

How can the NZFPA and ALRANZ claim to represent women when they support violence and discrimination against women? A sex selection abortion is a double betrayal of women for it victimises two women, the mother and her daughter in the womb. This is the ultimate in discrimination against women. The discrimination is compounded by the fact that in spite of the mother desperately wanting to protect the life of her precious daughter, she is often the subject of abuse and coercion by the father of the child who for cultural and social reasons or personal reasons wants only a male child. How dare the NZFPA and ALRANZ say they represent women? This is an outrageous lie. Right to Life believes that these organisations are the enemy of women and that they are actively making war against women. Is it a triumph for feminism to achieve the extermination of women?

The NZFPA and ALRANZ should be aware that sex selection abortions are a violation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The United Nations Committees appointed to review **compliance with these conventions by member nations have "recommended that state parties monitor implementation of national legislation prohibiting sex selection abortions."**

Right to Life fully supports women being valued and respected because of their intrinsic dignity and their children in the womb both male and female being afforded effective legal protection for their inalienable right to life. The Society fully supports CEDAW [Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and the CRC [Convention on the Rights of the Child] and calls upon the NZFPA and ALRANZ to stop the war against women and uphold CEDAW and the CRC as adopted by the general Assembly of the United Nations.

Desperate women seeking an abortion deserve love and support. May God protect them from this insatiable culture of death.



## CAN YOU HELP?

**Stephen Roach, our Treasurer, will be stepping down at the next AGM in April 2015. We are looking for a replacement who hopefully might be able to start getting involved early in 2015 so that Stephen can complete a proper handover. The requirements of the job include all banking duties, preparing monthly accounts for Committee meetings, managing the Society's membership database and preparing annual accounts for review by our auditor, BDO Christchurch. If you are interested in the position, please contact Stephen in the first instance by phoning 03-355-4185 (res) or e-mailing [sk2.roach@gmail.com](mailto:sk2.roach@gmail.com) for an initial discussion."**



Dr Simon Snook

## Dr Snook, Certifying Consultant – Abortion is about Choice. A letter to the Abortion Supervisory Committee (September 2013) - and their reply

I wish to bring to your attention statements made by Dr Simon Snook in the October issue of the magazine North & South. Dr Simon Snook is a certifying consultant and an abortionist.

He is quoted as saying:

**'I have never met anyone who is flippant about doing a termination. But I don't view an embryo or fetus as having the same rights as the person potentially having to raise it in the world. For me to have to say she is mentally unwell - or will be if the pregnancy continues — is a misnomer. This is about choice.'**

The statement of Dr Snook is an affirmation of his belief that abortion is a matter for a woman to choose. The Crimes Act 1961 sets out in section 183, 'Procuring abortion by any means' states that, everyone is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years who with intent to procure the miscarriage of any woman or girl, whether she is pregnant or not, unlawfully administers to her any poison or drug or uses an instrument to procure a miscarriage. The killing of a child by abortion is thus a very serious crime. Abortions are however excused for serious and rare grounds set out under section 187A.

Section 187A does not permit abortions to be authorised on the grounds that it is a woman's choice. Abortions authorised on that ground are unlawful. The test for section 187A is the honest belief of the persons doing the abortions on the grounds for which the abortions have been authorised. It is noted that 98 per cent of abortions authorised in New Zealand are on the grounds of mental health. It is known that Dr Snook is one of the busiest abortionists in New Zealand. In view of Dr Snook's above statements it may be concluded that he is authorising abortions because it is the women's choice masquerading as mental health. It is thus contended that there should be serious concerns about the lawfulness of the abortions that he authorises and performs. His actions could be considered not only unlawful but unprofessional and of a nature to bring the medical profession in to disrepute. It is contended that your Committee has a serious obligation to ensure that Certifying Consultants appointed by your Committee comply with the law and to ensure that unborn children are not being deprived of their lives unlawfully.

The Contraception Sterilisation And Abortion Act 1977, section 30 [5] [b] explains that if an applicant for appointment as a Certifying Consultant, holds the view that, whether an abortion should or should not be performed in any case, is entirely a matter for the woman and a doctor to decide, this would then preclude their appointment. It is contended that Dr Snook's public statements are in breach of section 30 and preclude him from appointment as a Certifying Consultant.

His statements about the status of the unborn child are false and offensive. It is contended that a doctor who does not recognise the humanity and the human rights of a child in its first nine months of its life and that he has the privilege of caring for a child who is a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God's creation, is not worthy of membership in the medical profession.

This important issue raises serious questions:

- Does your Committee accept that the views expressed by Dr Snook are in violation of section 30?
- Does the Committee believe that it has a responsibility to question Dr Snook on the manner that he is authorising abortions?
- Does your Committee believe that it has a duty to report Dr Snook to the Medical Council to enable the Council to conduct an investigation into the performance of Dr Snook?
- Will your Committee consider revoking the appointment of Dr Snook as a Certifying Consultant?
- Can you confirm that Dr Simon Snook, prior to appointment as a Certifying Consultant, completed a declaration that he did not hold views on abortion incompatible with section 30?
- What action will your Committee take to ensure that the Certifying Consultants appointed by your Committee, do not authorise abortions unlawfully in the belief that the killing of the child is a mother's right to choose?

The Committee responded in December 2013 and advised Right to Life that they had given Dr Snook the opportunity to respond to comments attributed to him within the article. *"The Committee is satisfied with the clarification provided by Dr Snook. Accordingly the Committee have decided to take no further action."* Right to Life sought under the Official Information Act copies of the relevant correspondence. The request was refused and a complaint has been lodged with the Ombudsman.

## Abortion Licence Unlawful – Family Planning Association’s Tauranga Clinic. Right to Life has lodged an application with the High Court in Wellington to challenge the ASCs interpretation of the law.



The Abortion Supervisory Committee (ASC) issued a limited licence to the Family Planning Association for its Tauranga Clinic, on 22 February 2013. The Committee in response to a letter from Right to Life responded in a letter dated 3 October 2013, that as surgical operations are not performed at the Tauranga FPA, that the legal requirement that, “adequate surgical facilities” are not required to be provided.

Right to Life, on the advice of its legal counsel believes that this advice is based on a misconception of the Act and of the terms of the licence granted by the ASC.

The provision in the Act that governs the issue of licences is s 19. A limited licence is dealt within by s 19(3) which states that:

A limited licence shall permit the performance of abortions [ie any abortions] in the institution to which the licence relates only during the first 12 weeks of the pregnancy.

**The CSA Act does not confer any discretion on the ASC which would empower it to grant a licence on certain prescribed conditions only, eg that only medical abortions could be carried out. Section 22 is phrased in narrow terms and confers no discretion on the ASC to impose any conditions on grant of a licence. It is the considered opinion of our counsel that our case should succeed in the High Court.**

## Profiles in Courage:

### Moms Rejecting Abortion When Their Lives Were at Risk

by Brad Mattes | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 1/14/14 5:24 PM

There’s one exception that many are willing to make for abortion-when the mother’s life is at risk. But still, it’s a controversial subject.

What’s it like to live through such a situation? A mother’s love for her child is a unique, sacred and sacrificial love. I can’t imagine how it feels when circumstances threaten that bond. Yet against all odds, some mothers have placed the value of the life of their unborn baby above even their own.

Michelle Kingsfield was a successful news reporter, happily pregnant with her second child. As her pregnancy progressed, she discovered there were lumps on her neck that were rapidly growing. Michelle had previously been told the lumps were not cancerous, however at 12 weeks into her pregnancy, tests revealed that was not the case. She was diagnosed with stage four non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Her doctor stressed the severity of her situation. “You’re going to need chemotherapy and I don’t know what it means for your baby.” Heart-broken, Michelle held her stomach as she cried for her baby. She felt the diagnosis was a death sentence. While Michelle did not believe in abortion, she admits that she did briefly consider it. But she decided it was worth the risk to continue the pregnancy while enduring chemo. Michelle proceeded with a positive mental attitude, determined that both she and her baby would survive. She endured six rounds of chemotherapy over the next six months and then was blessed to deliver a healthy baby boy named Robert. One month later, she was declared cancer free.



Michelle Kingsfield embraces son Robert

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Clint and Jessica Council were the proud parents to son, Aiden, when they found out they were expecting their second child. Their happiness experienced an excruciating blow when Jessica was diagnosed with a rare and severe form of throat cancer. Her doctors recommended an aggressive chemotherapy regimen, but told her she would lose the baby. It didn't take long for Jessica to tell them no. "That baby came first," says her mother, Kathy Rogers. Abortion was never a thought for Jessica and Clint. Sadly, the cancer took its toll and three months later, Jessica slipped into a coma. The doctors then delivered her baby born at 25 weeks, a little girl they named Jessie, in honour of her mother. Clint was in the delivery room and welcomed his daughter with the knowledge that his wife was gone. "The price I paid for her was very dear," Clint says. But his faith remains. He says, "I want to live a testimony of God's grace." As the family continues to cope, baby Jessie remains a comforting reminder of Jessica's selfless sacrifice.



Clint Council with daughter Jessie

## News in Brief

### Catholic Bishop Slams Nelson Mandela's Legalizing Unlimited Abortion as "Shameful"

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 12/9/13 7:09 PM

A Catholic bishop in the United States is taking exception to the unrestricted praise the world is heaping on deceased South African president and civil rights leader Nelson Mandela, calling his signing a bill to legalize unlimited abortions "shameful."

### Right to Life Ezine

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### Canterbury District Health Board [CDHB]

Right to Life has written to the CDHB to express concern at the increase in the number of abortions performed in 2013. In view of the substantial decrease achieved by the other NZ boards.

The Board was the only board that experienced an increase in the number of abortions. In 2012 the number of abortions performed by the Board was 1612. The total in 2013 was 1677, 65 more than in 2012.

### Abortion Breast Cancer Link

Right to Life has written to the Breast Cancer Research Trust and the Cancer Society recommending that research should be done in New Zealand to establish a link between abortion and breast cancer. The trust advised that our submission had been referred to the trusts medical advisors.

The bishop of Providence, Rhode Island, Bishop Thomas Tobin, criticized "Mandela's "shameful promotion of abortion in South Africa."

"Many people around the world and in our

own nation are mourning the loss of former South African President Nelson Mandela. Indeed there is much to admire in Mandela's long life and public service, particularly his personal courage and his stalwart defence of human rights. Tragically he did not recognise that the foundation of our human rights is the right to life.

President Mandela's legacy, therefore is not at all praiseworthy, namely his shameful and vigorous promotion of abortion in South Africa. In 1996 Mandela promoted and signed into law the 'Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill' that inflicted on South Africa abortion on demand, replacing a strict law that protected women and their unborn. The law has unleashed a reign of terror on the weakest and most defenceless members of the human family, the innocent unborn. Since the law allowing the killing of the unborn was passed, more than one million babies have been killed in South Africa, the vast majority being black.

While we pray for the peaceful repose of President Mandela's immortal soul and the forgiveness of his sins, we can only regret that his noble defence of human dignity did not include the youngest members of our human family, unborn children. May God have mercy on his soul, forgive him for his sins against women and God's precious infants.

#### Quotes

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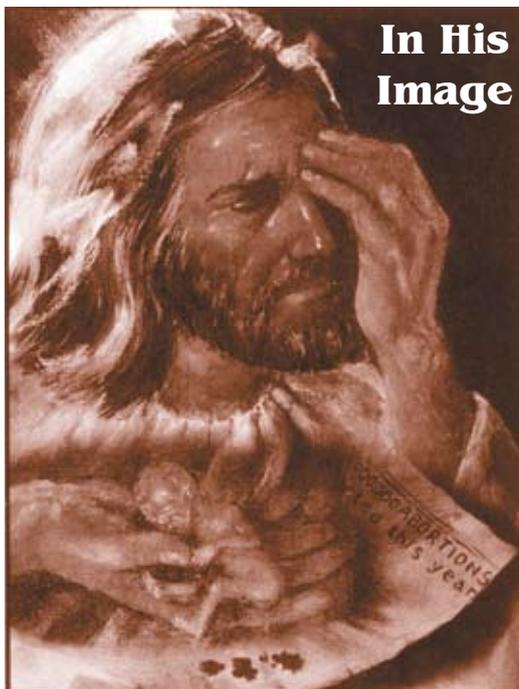
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