



## ABORTION STATISTICS 2021

13,257 unborn children murdered by the State in 2021.

This was 11 more abortions than in 2020.

The government upholds the legal fiction that the unborn child is not a human being with a right to life until it is born.

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## Right to Life remains committed to the repeal

of the extremist anti-life Abortion Legislation Act 2020, the End of Life Choice Act 2019 and the Safe Area legislation 2022. We continue to lobby government for legislation that recognises the unborn child as a human Being from conception endowed by its Creator with an Inalienable right to life.

The then Acting Director General of Health, Dr Diane Sarfati, stated in the forward of her report, It is my pleasure to present the Abortion Services Annual Report...I would like to

acknowledge the many people working across the abortion services sector. Thank you for your dedication, expertise and care". Right to Life is appalled that Dr Sarfati would derive pleasure in giving her report on the violence inflicted on women and their unborn. 18% of known pregnancies ended in abortion in 2021, A third of abortions were repeat abortions. 43.8% of abortions were early medical abortions and performed before 10 weeks' gestation. Right to Life commends the women who rejected abortion and the more than 300 women who changed their decision.



## ASSISTED DYING REPORT

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Labour government killed 214 patients in the period 7 November 2021 to 30 September 2022, under the End of Life Choice Act 2019. There were 294 applications for a lethal injection or assisted suicide. There were 80 patients who withdrew their request, died before the scheduled killing or were still waiting to be terminated. The Registrar reports that:-

- 174 [or 81.3%] were killed in their own home or another person's residence.
- 17 [or 7.9%] were killed in an aged care facility
- 14 [or 6.5%] were killed in a public hospital.
- 9 [or 4.2%] were killed in a public hospice facility.

**The government fully funds doctors killing their patients with a lethal injection or assisting suicide. Doctors are generously rewarded by the government with fees of nearly \$3,000 for each patient terminated.**

**Palliative Care.** The thirty-two Hospices in New Zealand providing palliative care are facing a financial crisis.

There are thirty-two hospices in New Zealand providing world class palliative care. In 2021 it is estimated that it cost \$178 million to provide this care. The government provides \$88 million and hospices are left to raise the balance from their op shops, raffles, cake stalls and charity events. Hospices make a huge difference to people's lives by ensuring terminally ill people are as free from pain and suffering as possible.

They also provide care and support for families and friends. In 2020 10,374 people with a terminal illness received care and support in dying from hospice services throughout New Zealand and hospice staff made over 145,000 visits to people in their homes. Right to Life continues to lobby the Minister of Health for increased funding for palliative care.

**Broadcasting Standards Authority. [BSA]**  
Right to Life laid a complaint with TVNZ against the Sunday programme of 15th May 2022 featuring Esther Williams who was assisted in suicide. This was a very biased pro euthanasia programme. TVNZ rejected our complaint that the item was promoting assisted suicide and would encourage others to commit suicide.



## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Right to Life has made in 2022, 21 Official Information Act requests to the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health seeking information on abortion and euthanasia. The majority of requests have resulted in obtaining the information requested.

There were five requests that resulted in a complaint being made to the Ombudsman to obtain the information required.

**Canterbury March for Life 17 September**  
Right to Life was involved with others in organising and financing the March for Life in Victoria Square which was an inspiring celebration of life. There were an estimated 400 marchers calling for an end to the war against women and their unborn.

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Our complaint was then lodged with the BSA which also rejected our complaint. Another Sunday programme, America to Aotearoa screened on 30th October was a biased pro-abortion story about American doctors who were now denied the right to perform abortions in America and who were considering immigrating to New Zealand where abortions were freely permitted up to birth. TVNZ in a 13 page response rejected our complaint. RTL will now lodge a complaint with BSA. Right to Life encourages its members and supporters to exercise their right to make complaints against biased programmes that promote abortion and euthanasia. We have a right to demand that the media upholds community standards that respect the sanctity of life and the family of exclusively one man and one woman as the foundation of our society.

**National March for Life Wellington 3 December 2022** Executive members of Right to Life, Chris O'Brien and Philip Creed represented our Society at the March from Civic Square to Parliament where there were inspiring speeches. It is estimated that there were more than 2,700 men, women and children marching to celebrate life. No surprise that the march was ignored by all major media except Newshub.

**Right to Life Action 2022** Issued more than 20 media releases, wrote more than 160 letters to government Ministers, Ministries and District Health Boards. Invested more than \$1,500 in sponsoring two teenagers to attend the pro-life training Christchurch Conference Active 8. Right to Life – Membership Right to Life NZ is pro-life and pro-women.



## PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR SOCIETY IN YOUR WILL.

For more pro-life information please visit our web site [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz) and our Facebook page at [facebook.com/RTLNewZealand](https://www.facebook.com/RTLNewZealand)

We welcome new members who wish to support our Society in defending the lives of our precious unborn and our elderly.

A family membership is \$14/ year and an individual subscription is \$12/year.

Applications may be made to our treasurer, Paul Ives.

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or by writing to

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Donations to assist our Society's work are welcome.

