

Letter to the Churches

Federal Election 18 May 2019

How do I vote God's way?

This is a time of rapid decline in the Judeo/ Christian principles that have built Australia into one of the most wonderful nations on the planet in which to live. These foundations, that have served our nation so well, are now being discarded at perilous cost to our future and that of our descendants.

Our Western civilisation was built on the *Kingdom of God foundations of Justice and Righteousness* (Psalm 97:1-2). If these foundations are not maintained from generation to generation our nation will self-destruct.

Over recent decades, there has been a *long march* through the institutions, where neo-Marxism has relentlessly undermined Bible-based principles that give people protection, hope and a future. This war of ideas against biblical wisdom is producing family breakdown, loneliness, depression, suicide, rampant mental illness, domestic violence, pornography and loss of moral compass. The key domains of society (the Arts, Business, Education, Government, Health, Justice, Media, Religion, Sport and Welfare) are meant to be the King's-domains, from which we derive the word Kingdom. However, in recent decades, we have seen these domains *change their spots* under increasing hedonism and self-centredness. This is why this election is so critical in setting the course of the future by electing God-honouring governance. This letter has been written to help readers understand the gravity of dangerous legislation proposed by certain political parties.

Accordingly, in every electorate Pastors and Christian leaders need to be well informed to help congregations understand the dangers of electing candidates and parties who oppose the ways of God. We need to know which parties and candidates are committed to honouring the preamble to the Australian constitution: "*Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God*".

Once and for all, let us **get rid of the lie** that churches can be apolitical, and that Pastors and leaders only need to be concerned **with** their congregations. This misconception is one of the main reasons that

our nation is in such a terrible mess. The teaching of God's Word is clear:

Godly governance of the nation is all our responsibility.

References: Proverbs 28:2, Proverbs 11:11, Matthew 28:18, 1 Tim. 2:1-3, Romans 13:1.

Analysis of Key Party Policies as a Guide to Your Voting Decision

What are the policies of political parties that will bring either light or darkness to the nation? As we examine these policies, we will be better equipped to elect leaders who will honour the values of the Kingdom of God in our Local Councils, State and Federal Parliaments, as these are the governing bodies that function under God's authority to care for our nation (Rom. 13:1).

By prayer, by standing for public office, by volunteering and by voting wisely, we have a holy duty to elect and support leaders who will endeavour to bring the Kingdom of God principles of Justice and Righteousness to the governance of our nation.

What are Key Party Policies that will either honour or dishonour God in this election?

1. Freedom of Religion and Speech

Australia is engaged in a mammoth tug of war between LGBTIQ regulatory controls and freedom of religion and speech. The risk of losing these cherished freedoms is much higher with the policies of the Greens and Labor than the Liberals and Nationals. Here are two parliamentary Bills that support this conclusion:

- Federally the Labor "Penny Wong" Bill sought to restrict the ethos and values of Christian Schools, churches and Bible colleges. This Bill has been sent back to the Senate for review, but you can be sure that any future Labor/Greens majority would push through legislation with the intention

of minimising or destroying Christian influence in society through churches and education.

- In August 2016, the Victorian Labor Government passed a Bill in the Lower House to remove religious exemptions for the employment of a person by religious bodies and schools. This could have stopped churches, Christian Schools and Missions employing people who uphold biblical values. This Bill is likely to reappear under Labor.

2. Abortion

The refusal to protect the rights of the innocent in the womb was instigated in Australia by Labor in the Victorian Parliament in 2008. From there unconstrained abortion has been spreading throughout the nation. Overwhelmingly, Labor and the Greens are the parties legalising the killing of innocent babies as evidenced by the following record:

- On 6 March this year, the Deputy Leader of the Labor Party, Tanya Plibersek, issued a press release stating that a Federal Labor government would require public hospitals to offer termination services as part of their Commonwealth funding arrangement.

This means taxpayer-funded abortions up to full term would be mandated in public hospitals (depending on State laws) and hospitals could be defunded if they didn't comply! This policy would force medical staff to do abortions regardless of their conscience. And what of Christian hospitals – would they be defunded and driven out of business if they refused to do abortions UP TO FULL TERM?

- In 2008 abortion up to full term was legalised in Victoria under a Labor Government.
- In 2018, in Queensland, abortion up to full term was legalised. This legislation was overwhelmingly voted in by Labor and the Greens and resisted by most LNPs.
- The Greens are attempting to bring in a similar Bill in South Australia.

Here is the Word of God on abortion:

They have committed both adultery and murder - adultery by worshipping idols [e.g.: sexual permissiveness - Ed] and murder by burning as sacrifices the children they bore to me (Ezek. 23:37).

How can such barbarous acts be performed in our nation today? The abortion process literally dismembers innocent babies in the womb and then incinerates their body parts — even if these babies were viable outside the womb!

How can we support any policy that legalises babies being tortured and dismembered in the womb up to full term? (yes, babies in the womb feel pain).

3. Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

In Victoria, Labor has championed Euthanasia through the Parliament. Euthanasia will be legal in Victoria in June 2019. This means doctors will be authorised, under certain conditions, to give the sick and infirm a lethal drug to end their lives. On the other hand, the Federal Coalition has banned euthanasia in the Territories.

4. The Trojan Horse of “Safe Schools”

Labor has, in the States and nationally, propagated and funded radical anti-biblical gender theories, along with the sexualising of children as young as four, through the deceptively named Safe Schools program. Federally, the Coalition Government defunded Safe Schools, whereas in Victoria, the Labor Government funded and expanded Safe Schools through the Education Department. These policies are destructive to God's design of identity, family and sexuality. Here are three web sites that can help us be better informed:

- <http://youreteachingourchildrenwhat.org>
- <https://www.stopsafeschools.com>

5. Attacks on Religious Education

The Victorian Labor Government has removed Scripture teaching from school class time. In the ACT, Labor and the Greens have banned Chaplains from public schools. Who will teach the children from families that don't know God that he loves them and has a plan for their lives?

Surely, preventing children learning about God, who has been acknowledged as being part of Australia's formation from the time of Federation, is against the intention of the preamble to our nation's Constitution?

6. Proposals to Ban Conversion Therapy

The proposed ban could apply to any prayer, counselling, or therapy that could help a person who wants to get free from unwanted same-sex attraction. If these policies become law, a child could come home from school under the influence of gender fluidity teaching and tell their parents that they want to change their gender. *If a parent then helped their child embrace their birth sex they would be committing a crime.* Potentially they could then be deemed unsafe parents by the State.

The Federal Labor Party has announced its intention to ban Conversion Therapy along with Labor States such as Victoria.

Children need support and affirmation, not medication or surgery for gender transitioning. International consensus advises that up to 90% of children who question their gender will resolve it naturally through puberty.

If Conversion Therapy were to be criminalised, it would also make the heart of the Gospel illegal. The Bible teaches that all humans are born sinners. It teaches that all need to *be forgiven and changed by the power of the Holy Spirit* to become new people in Christ. Conversely, LGBTIQ doctrine states that you cannot change and that any prayer and counseling at a person's request is damaging.

This LGBTIQ doctrine against conversion therapy is based on flawed and biased research. Here is a link to a report of the positive outcomes of conversion therapy from a former Gay activist:

<http://tinyurl.com/yxszx6xt>

7. Attacks on our God-Given Identity as Male and Female

The Victorian Labor Government passed the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2016 in the Lower House. If enacted, this bill would have permitted persons to change the sex on their birth certificate every 12 months. This bill was lost in the Upper House by only one vote and Labor is likely to reintroduce this Bill in Victoria.

In Tasmania, Labor and the Greens, with the support of a Liberal defector, pushed through legislation to remove gender from birth certificates unless parents opt in. Now any Tasmanian over the age of 16 can now change their gender without parental permission or medical proof, based only on a statutory declaration. This means that a Tasmanian born male who changed their gender can now use female toilets, showers and changerooms and play in female sporting teams, if they so desire.

Where is the concern for 99.5% of the female population who are not transgender?

This is dangerous rebellion against God's Word *that we are created in God's own image as male and female (Gen. 1:27)*. While these are State laws, Federal Labor would continue to promote the LGBTIQ agenda Australia wide.

8. The Trojan Horse of Climate Change

As Christians, we have a biblical responsibility to look after God's creation and not to damage it with pollution. Most people want to transition from fossil fuels to renewables, but there are huge issues that constrain the rate of change and impact on the economy. For example, if Australia were to cut all its greenhouse emissions tomorrow, it would make no change to global warming because the size of our global footprint is too small.

The push by Labor and the Greens for 45% and 100% emission reductions by 2030 would have destructive effects on Australia's economy. It would cause cuts to baseload electricity that would damage industry, agriculture and transport across the country.

Take South Australia for example, where a coal-fired power plant was prematurely demolished. This resulted in major blackouts in SA that led to the purchase of environmentally much worse diesel generators to provide essential baseload power. In SA, the development of a major solar farm failed due to an inability to raise funding beyond government subsidies. In Queensland, five major solar projects have gone into receivership and nationally over 90 solar companies have gone into liquidation. Therefore, transfer to renewables cannot be made faster than what the economy can sustain.

You are invited to copy the following link into your web browser to read an excellent article by Judith Sloan, Contributing Economics Editor of the Australian, on how *"Coal hard facts undermine Greens' dreamworld"*: <https://tinyurl.com/yyu5fu6q>

Well, what about battery technology you ask?

Africa's copper belt contains two-thirds of the cobalt of the entire world, a mineral required to produce batteries for mobile phones, laptops and electric vehicles. Most of the world's supply comes from the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is a nation with a long record of poorly-enforced labour standards and child exploitation. UNICEF estimated in 2014 that some 40,000 children were toiling illegally in Congolese mines, and this number is growing exponentially due to increase in global demand.

Alternatives to cobalt have been tried, but these resulted in battery fires on certain jet airliners and in mobile phones. In addition, we have no safe disposal solution for discarded batteries, so they go into land fill creating chemical pollution.

Well what about electric cars?

Labor's policy of compulsory 50% fully electric cars and 100% very-low emission fossil fuelled cars by 2030 would have a severe effect on everyone's lifestyles through the impact of additional taxes to replace the existing 'user pays' fuel taxes, huge cost of installing Australia-wide fast-charging stations, an overloaded electricity grid that can't yet supply the required amount of electricity from renewables, replacement of all existing vehicles, the unexplained impact on heavy transport vehicles, delivery vehicles and the slow charge rate for existing home electrical systems with increase in domestic electricity bills.

Finally, a too rapid transition to renewables would damage the economy that supplies our food, shelter, jobs, hospitals, education and so on. If we incapacitate the baseload power needed for production and eliminate revenue from coal exports, our standard of living would be severely degraded. Meantime China and India are building huge numbers of coal-powered power stations to increase their standard of living while ours would be demolished. **This is the Trojan Horse of Climate Change.**

9. The attack by Labor and the Greens on the Goose that lays the Golden Egg

Labor and the Greens would end franking credit refunds, all but abolish negative gearing, double capital gains tax, increase taxation of Trusts, increase the top personal tax rate to 49%, not cut the major corporate rate from an increasingly globally uncompeti-

tive 30%, ban energy-coal exports and close coal-fired power stations.

This plan would destroy the entrepreneurial, investing, business risk-taking that generates the jobs and wealth of the nation. It would also rob retirees of their investment income. Labor would double-tax investment income by removing dividend imputation. This would steal up to 30% of retiree income and push share investment overseas away from Australian companies.

Here is a link to a recent article by Business Columnist Terry McCrann on the destructive impact of Labor/Greens policies on the economy:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxlmkdod>

10. GetUp's Hit List to oust Christian/Conservative Politicians

Labor's political partner "GetUp" has a **hit list** with over \$12 million funding to remove the best Christian/conservative Politicians from Federal Parliament. This unholy alliance of Labor, the Greens and GetUp is working with amazing rapidity, capacity and deep pockets to de-Christianise Australia. Click here for more details on GetUp:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ye4s7n>

Link for key party policies on one page

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<https://tinyurl.com/y2ggrmvv>

God has given us **Scott Morrison** as a very genuine, capable and honest Prime Minister. He is a good bloke who follows Jesus Christ personally and honours Jesus as the highest authority over nations. Scott Morrison made his Christian belief and aspirations very clear in his maiden speech in Federal Parliament on 14 February 2008. Click on the following link to listen to Scott Morrison express his Christian convictions on YouTube (at 7 min 30 secs): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2e5tpj00-5U>

Important Note on Voting for the Senate

When you vote for the Senate you need to vote in your order of preference **for at least 75% of the candidates** EITHER ABOVE THE LINE - or - BELOW THE LINE.

- If you *only* vote 1-6 above the line or 1-12 below the line, there is a high risk that your vote will exhaust and play no part in deciding the last Senators.
- The only way to ensure your vote won't exhaust is to number every square either above OR below the line for the Senate. Google: "AEC How to Vote" for more information on voting.
- Its important to vote conservative politicians into the senate to protect against unsafe legislation.

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Party Policy Comparison Charts:

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<https://tinyurl.com/yxomskjx>
 - What does the Liberal Party stand for?
<https://tinyurl.com/y5enphzb>
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