



## Pro Life Policy

### *Core Value LIFE*

Family First affirms the **inherent dignity and right to life of every human being from conception to natural death**. Recognising the challenges of the current legal and political environment, and as part of a principled and incremental approach toward **the full protection of the unborn**, Family First may support a range of measures that advance this objective. These include, but are not limited to, the following policy initiatives.

### **Beginning of Life - Family first will:**

- Support women practically through legislative and financial support of crisis pregnancy centres, so no woman feels she has no other choice but to take the life of her unborn baby;
- Provide women with an alternative to abortion through legislative and policy changes to the adoption process. Making adoption a kind, gentle, supported and readily available option for birth mothers, their children, and adoptive families;
- Advocate through public education for the public to fall in love again with unborn babies so that abortion becomes unthinkable.
- Protect the rights of children and the dignity of women by banning surrogacy and other forms of parent-denying reproductive techniques such as egg and sperm donation;
- Amend legislation to provide for fully informed medical consent, including an ultrasound scan, full disclosure of all health risks, presentation of all available options and a cooling off period so women are given access to life affirming choices;
- Amend the Medicare item numbers to give abortion its own separate item code for tracking of national statistics and funding reviews;
- Advocate for detailed research and data collection on abortion reasons, procedures and outcomes for women including physical and mental health;
- Protect the rights of medical professionals and faith-based hospitals to conscientiously object to performing, or assisting with, abortion procedures;
- Completely separate all abortion procedures from maternity services to ensure the best standard of birth care for mothers and babies, as well as professional care for nurses and doctors;
- Support recent legislative proposals that would:
  - Protect pain-capable unborn babies by banning late term abortions;
  - Ensure medical care is rendered in cases where babies survive the abortion attempt;
  - Protect the lives of baby girls by banning sex-selection abortions.
- Protect unborn children who are considered to be less than perfect, by banning the medical coercion to terminate when downs syndrome or other similar conditions are suspected.
- Make it a criminal offence for anyone to coerce a woman to kill her unborn baby;

### **End of Life - Family first will:**

- Repeal euthanasia laws and properly resource palliative care.