



Australian Christian Values Checklist - 24 March 2007 NSW State Elections

In the 2001 Census 68% Australians identified themselves as Christians. This summary of the positions of major parties on issues of concern to Christians is provided as a service to the Christian community. This checklist has been compiled after an exhaustive search of party platforms, voting history, statements, including in some cases the voting record of their Federal counterparts. As positions are often difficult to summarise in a format of this kind, and because parties have not always made definitive statements on some of the issues, = yes, = no, and a '?' Indicates in some instances a conscience vote, or a less than conclusive opinion on the party's position.

27 Point Checklist	Greens	Democrats	Labor	Liberal	National	Christian Democratic
1. Support prayers to open Parliament each day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Teach Australia's Christian heritage in all schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Support traditional family values in education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Support state funded education vouchers to encourage school choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Actively support unique status of marriage between a man and a woman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Presumption of shared parenting following a relationship breakdown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Oppose the decriminalisation of abortion & enforce current laws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Protect human life oppose use of RU 486 - abortion pill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Prohibit use of embryos for stem cell research and reject human cloning	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Oppose civil unions & relationship registers for same-sex couples	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Protect children prohibit same-sex couples fostering & adopting children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12. Consistently enforce ban on X-rated videos to decrease sex crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. Strengthen family relationships raise moral standards on TV, film & radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14. Support mandatory clean feed filtering of internet pornography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15. Restore rights for local government to refuse brothels & gaming venues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Make all prostitution illegal - exploits women & promotes sex slavery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Reduce gambling venues and machines to protect families	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Children need mum & dad - No IVF for single & same sex couples	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19. Support the promotion of renewable energy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20. Support greater care of God's environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21. Protect family values refuse to support Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Raise the age of consent to protect our children's sexual integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23. Help drug addicts by immediately closing drug injection rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24. Zero drug tolerance - Retain criminal penalties for illicit drug use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Ban alcohol advertising to reduce the damaging effects of alcohol abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26. Oppose all vilification laws to protect free speech	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27. Protect human life - voluntary euthanasia to remain illegal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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