



# Australian Christian Values Checklist - 2007 Federal Elections

This summary of the positions of major parties on issues of concern to Christians is provided as a service to the Christian community which makes up 64% of the Australian population as of 2006 Census. It has been compiled after an exhaustive search of party platforms, voting history and statements. A 14 page Christian Values Checklist research document is available from the websites listed below. Positions are often difficult to summarise in a format of this kind, and parties have not always made definitive statements. Therefore a '?' indicates in some instances a conscience vote, or a less than conclusive opinion on the party's position. Tick equals YES  X equals NO

<b>Christian Values Checklist</b>	<b>Christian Democratic</b>	<b>Family First</b>	<b>Nationals</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>Labor</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Greens</b>
1. Prayers to open Parliament each day	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓?	X	X
2. Teach Australia's Christian heritage and history in all schools	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	X	X
3. Promotion and support of marriage over de facto co-habitation	✓	✓?	?	?	X?	X	X
4. Provide free pre-marriage education/voucher for couples	✓	✓	?	?	?	X?	X?
5. Income splitting for married couples with dependent children	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. Family impact statement tabled publicly in Parliament before vote	✓	✓	X?	X?	X?	X	X
7. Support parents choice in education with educational vouchers	✓	?	?	?	X	X	X
8. Support the 'presumption' of equal shared parenting after divorce	✓	✓	X?	X?	X	X	X
9. Preserve marriage - Oppose same-sex marriage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
10. Oppose registration of same-sex relationships (State & Federal)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
11. Protect children - No overseas adoption by same-sex couples	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
12. No Medicare funding of IVF for singles & same-sex couples	✓	✓	✓?	✓?	X	X	X
13. Oppose creation and destruction of embryos for research	✓	✓	✓?	?	X?	X	X?
14. Life is precious - Oppose abortion	✓	✓	?	?	X?	X	X
15. Legislate to cease Medicare funding of abortion	✓	✓	X?	X?	X	X	X
16. Prohibit the importation and use of RU 486 abortion pill	✓	✓	✓?	?	X?	X	X
17. Support life - Euthanasia to remain illegal	✓	✓	?	?	?	X	X
18. Enforce national ban on X Rated videos and DVDs	✓	✓	X?	X?	X	X	X
19. Support mandatory ISP filtering of internet pornography	✓	✓	X?	X?	X?	X	X
20. Strengthen ACMA & enforce moral standards on TV & Radio	✓	✓	?	?	X	X	X
21. Preserve free speech: Oppose religious/sexuality vilification laws	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
22. Keep our freedom - Oppose a Bill or Charter of Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	X?	X	X
23. Allow religious bodies free choice in who they employ	✓	✓	✓	✓	X?	X	X
24. Reject heroin trials and drug injecting rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
25. Zero Tolerance - Oppose decriminalization of all illicit drugs	✓	✓	✓	✓	X?	X?	X?
26. Promote abstinence-based programs for drug rehabilitation	✓	✓	✓	✓	X?	X	X
27. Support greater care of God's environment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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