



Australian Christian Values Checklist – 20 March 2010 Tasmanian State Elections

This summary of the positions of major parties on issues of concern to Christians is provided as a service to the Christian community. In the 2006 Census 64% Australians identified themselves as Christians. 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. 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 on some of the issues. Tick equals **YES** ✓ X equals **NO** ✗

| Christian Values Checklist | | Liberal | Labor | Greens |
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| 1. | Support prayers to open Parliament each day | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| 2. | Support traditional Christian/family values in education | ✓? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 3. | Support parental choice of schooling with educational vouchers | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| 4. | Support and strengthen heterosexual marriage as the best way to protect children | ✓? | ✗ | ✗ |
| 5. | Protect marriage – repeal relationship registers for same-sex couples | ✗? | ✗ | ✗ |
| 6. | Protect life in the womb – oppose abortion | ✓? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 7. | Prohibit use of embryos for stem cell research | ✓? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 8. | Protect the elderly – voluntary euthanasia to remain illegal | ✓? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 9. | Enforce existing ban on display, sale and hire of X-Rated pornography | ✗? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 10. | Support laws restricting display of pornography to protect children | ✓? | ✗ | ✓ |
| 11. | Support internet filtering of pornography in all libraries | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| 12. | Protect women – oppose the legalisation of brothels as brothels exploit women | ✓? | ✓? | ✗ |
| 13. | Children need their mother & father – repeal IVF for single & same sex couples | ✗? | ✗ | ✗ |
| 14. | Protect biological birthright – oppose legislation that supports surrogacy | ✓? | ✗? | ✗ |
| 15. | Children need a mother & father – repeal homosexual adoption | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| 16. | Repeal discriminatory anti-discrimination legislation | ✗? | ✗ | ✗ |
| 17. | Protect free speech – oppose a Charter / Bill of Rights | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| 18. | Reduce the number of gambling venues and gaming machines | ✓? | ✗ | ✓ |
| 19. | Enforce criminal penalties for cannabis and drugs, even for personal use | ✓? | ✓? | ✗ |
| 20. | Reduce damaging effects of alcohol abuse by restricting alcohol advertising | ✗ | ✗ | ✗? |
| 21. | Protect the environment and economy by promoting sustainable energy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |