

FAMILY FIRST

Some things are worth fighting for

News sheet 2, August 2009 - from Wendy Francis
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Thanks to Ian Jones for having me at the Living Room in July and thanks to all who participated in the discussion.

YOUR VOICE COUNTS: After a shock response from community groups and churches, Premier Anna Bligh retracted the decision to allow the use of \$50 and \$100 notes in electronic gaming machines. This is a great outcome.

Minor Parties are vital for good democracy

Investing in Family First is incredibly important to ensure the scrutiny of legislation. When it comes to the 2 major parties, one will dominate, the other will oppose. Minor parties are crucial to good democracy - to bring discussion to the table and to examine the issues. Family First is a political party with a solid track record of making a **commonsense** stand on issues which

Family First has introduced the following legislation into Parliament:

- * Keeping Banks Accountable Bill 2009
- * Removal of Excessive Super Bill 2009
- * Easy Comparison of Grocery Prices Bill 2008
- * Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008
- * Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax Bill 2008
- * Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007
- * Restoring Family Work Balance Bill 2007
- * Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees Bill 2007
- * Predatory Pricing Bill 2007
- * Creeping Acquisitions 2007 Bill

Family First has successfully negotiated wins on the following:

- * Jobs for the unemployed
- * Slashing the alcohol toll www.caan.adf.org.au/familyfirstbill.html
- * More money for pensioners
- * Competitive grocery prices through unit pricing
- * Protecting refugees' right
- * Protecting our apple farmers
- * Securing Gippsland farmers water rights
- * Slashing bank fees

What is the most important thing in your life? FAMILY FIRST is passionate about making Australia the best country to raise a family. If you believe families should be at the centre of Australia's political agenda, **join FAMILY FIRST today.**



Hi. Thanks for receiving my 2nd newsletter. Do you enjoy meeting significant people who possess a lot of knowledge about something you are interested in? During this past month I've had some great times listening to people from whom I can learn a lot. It's good to take those opportunities when we can. In our busy lives we can tend to neglect taking the time to listen to good talks. One of these times for me was a recent book launch of *'Don't Leave Us with the Bill: The Case Against an Australian Bill of Rights'* published by The Menzies Research Centre. Held in Brisbane's Law Courts, we heard from a number of the book's contributors including Hon Chief Justice Paul de Jersey AC and Major General AJ Molan AO DSC. It was a fascinating evening and I would encourage you to buy the book. Brigadier Jim Wallace AM (Australian Christian Lobby) also contributed, questioning the integrity of the proposed introduction of a charter of rights saying, *"If it follows the model of ACT and Victoria, it would explicitly exclude the right to life of a child before birth. The right to life is the most fundamental of rights, an inalienable right. The duty of government to protect children before and after birth is explicit in international conventions to which we are signatories."*

have an impact on family wellbeing. Our voting record in the Senate shows that we are NOT right wing or left wing - we are a mainstream party focused on the health and well-being of everyday Australian families.

email me for a membership form and join Family First today.
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Opportunities to meet Wendy: (email me for details)

- I am hosting a table at the **Priceless Dinner** - Wednesday 11 November at Brisbane's Greek Club. Join me and hear speaker John Anderson (former Deputy Prime Minister) must book - tickets \$50 *Because every life is beyond price*
- **Young Family First forum** - Saturday 22nd August
- **Family First AGM** - Friday 2nd October - evening event - guest speaker John Lewis
- I will be visiting Cairns 7-8 October



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