

# FAMILY FIRST

*Some things are worth fighting for*

News sheet 4, October 2009 - from Wendy Francis  
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## It's October and the year is whizzing by.

It seems that Christmas is now just around the corner. I am the Executive Producer of the Carols in the City event in Brisbane and so the lead-up to Christmas is quite hectic but also a lot of fun. The carols event is being held on Saturday 5th December this year and then televised throughout Queensland on the 18th December. Being held early in the month means I will get some good family time after it's over in the lead-up to Christmas itself. I look forward to this. Time with our families is so important.

For Brisbane recipients of this newsletter, *your* precious family time is under attack from a new billboard in Bowen Hills. You may have seen it yourself, or read about it in the Courier Mail last Saturday. Attached fyi is a statement I have sent out in opposition to the advertising campaign. The Courier Mail article can be found at

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,26187536-3102,00.html>

Womens Forum Australia join me in condemning the message that this billboard gives. It would be good if we could flood the Advertising Standards Bureau with calls for it to be pulled down. If we don't, there are plans for the same message to appear in other sites around Brisbane. A complaint can be lodged at the Advertising Standards Bureau website:

[www.advertisingstandardsbureau.com.au](http://www.advertisingstandardsbureau.com.au)

Your complaint can be brief - every one is counted and taken note of - it really can make a difference.

## 2 PETITIONS you may be interested in signing

1. The **UN Petition for the Unborn Child and the Family** at the following web address - <http://www.c-fam.org/campaigns/lid.2/default.asp> A coalition of pro-life and pro-family groups, being led by the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute will present the petition to the UN this December. Their goal is 1 million names!

2. A new lobby group has been formed - **Kids First - CELEBRATING PARENTS PUTTING KIDS FIRST** and they have 2 petitions they would ask you to consider at [www.childrenneedparents.com](http://www.childrenneedparents.com) or visit their website at <http://www.kidsfirstaustralia.com/>



## OUT AND ABOUT

I have been in Cairns and Mareeba this week where I had great opportunities to meet with members, supporters and others who are interested in our views. It was great to hear first hand about what is important in North Queensland - many things are so different from the South-East corner.

This month I have a number of **meetings** on the **Sunshine Coast** - if you live in that area, please come along. If you know of others who are there, please let them know. All welcome - free entry. The details are:

**Friday 23 October, 7pm at Noosa Baptist,**

213 Weyba Road, Noosaville

**Monday 26 October, 7pm at Caloundra Baptist**

7 Gregson Place, Caloundra

**Wednesday 28 October, 7pm at Maroochy Baptist,**

186 Wisers Road, North Buderim

**I'd love to meet you there - don't hesitate to email for any further details - [wendyfrancis@qld-familyfirst.org.au](mailto:wendyfrancis@qld-familyfirst.org.au)**

- **Priceless Dinner** - Wednesday 11 November at Brisbane's Greek Club. Speaker John Anderson (former Deputy Prime Minister) - tickets \$50 *Because every life is beyond price*  
**email [wjfrancis@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wjfrancis@optusnet.com.au) for more info**



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