

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WA election survey shows big difference between parties on family values**

A survey of candidates for Saturday's state election has revealed a significant difference between the two major parties on family values according to FamilyVoice Australia's survey co-ordinator Richard Egan.

"The official Liberal Party response received 71 out of 100 while the Labor Party scored only 46 out of 100 – a fail mark. The twenty five point gap between the Liberal and Labor scores was due to the Liberal Party's commitments to repeal permissive, anti-family legislation introduced by the Labor Government on prostitution and cannabis and to re-examine laws permitting same-sex parenting including homosexual adoption and lesbian access to reproductive technology.

"The Liberal Party affirmed in its response to our ten question survey that 'all children should have the opportunity to be raised by a mother and a father wherever possible'. The response also included a commitment to repeal 'Labor's soft-on-cannabis legislation' and to 'withdraw Labor's Prostitution Amendment Bill 2008'"

Most Christian Democratic Party, many Family First Party and some Independent candidates have scored 100 on the survey. Some Liberals such as Nick Goiran (South Metropolitan - 100), Michelle Verkerk (South Metropolitan - 100) and Steve Blizzard (East Metropolitan - 97) and National Tony Crook (Kalgoorlie – 92) also received high individual scores.

National Party leader Brendon Grylls (Central Wheatbelt) scored 63.

Several Labor candidates, including Michelle Roberts (Midland) and Tom Stephens (Pilbara) have scored 58 because of their opposition to abortion and euthanasia.

Most Greens candidates received 39 but there was some variation with Giz Watson (North Metropolitan) scoring 44 because of her commitment to vote against euthanasia and Robin Chapple (Mining and Pastoral) scoring 36 because of his support for euthanasia.

Detailed scores are available at [www.fol.org.au](http://www.fol.org.au)

"Our ten survey questions cover: Prayers in Parliament; Adoption; Reproductive technology; Abortion; Cannabis; Age of consent; Prostitution; Euthanasia; Sunday trading; Gambling. Information on where parties and candidates stand on these issues can be hard to find. We expect thousands of hits on our website this week as electors look for information on matters of concern to families," Mr Egan said.

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