



## Rev Fred Nile strongly supports 21 year imprisonment in Female Genital Mutilation Bill

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 13 May 2014, Rev Nile stated:

### CRIMES AMENDMENT (FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION) BILL 2014

#### Second Reading

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE** [9.27 p.m.]: I am pleased to speak on behalf of the Christian Democratic Party in support of the Crimes Amendment (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill 2014. I congratulate the Government on introducing the original legislation to amend the Crimes Act 1900, and commend the Government for taking further action in this legislation before the House. It is fitting that the title of the bill includes the word "female genital mutilation". It clearly establishes what the legislation is about. The Australian Bureau of Statistics defines assault as the direct infliction of force, injury or violence upon a person, including attempts or threats. Female genital mutilation is precisely that. It is a physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual infliction of force, injury or violence upon a woman. It is assault and it is a crime.

The bill before the House has two main points. It increases the penalties for female genital mutilation from seven years to 21 years imprisonment. It also creates a new offence for removing a person from New South Wales to have female genital mutilation performed on that person. I understand the proposed increase in penalty is so that this State will have consistency with the penalties that exist in Western Australia and Tasmania, which is supported. In view of the debate about mandatory minimum sentences, the Christian Democratic Party questions whether there should be a mandatory minimum sentence in this case. Increasing the sentence from seven years to 21 years is quite dramatic. As has already been noted, there are very few, if any, convictions.

This may raise the issue of whether a court would impose a sentence of 21 years. That would be very unlikely given the sentences that are imposed in serious sexual abuse cases involving children in this State. An argument could be made for the Government to investigate the imposition of mandatory minimum sentencing for female genital mutilation. Obviously, the length of such a mandatory minimum sentence would be a matter for the Government, but it would have to be a minimum of seven years. The World Health Organisation has a great

deal of information on female genital mutilation. A fact sheet updated in February 2014 states:

- (a) Female genital mutilation (FGM) includes procedures that intentionally alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.
- (b) The procedure has no health benefits for girls and women.
- (c) Procedures can cause severe bleeding and problems urinating, and later cysts, infections, infertility as well as complications in childbirth and an increased risk of newborn deaths.
- (d) More than 125 million girls and women alive today have been cut in the 29 countries in Africa and the Middle East where FGM is concentrated.
- (e) FGM is mostly carried out on young girls sometime between infancy and age 15.
- (f) FGM is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

In simple terms, female genital mutilation of the clitoris comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. The World Health Assembly passed a resolution on the elimination of female genital mutilation. The efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation focus on strengthening the health sector response, building evidence by generating knowledge about the causes and consequences of the practice, and increasing advocacy by developing publications and advocacy tools for international, regional and local efforts to end female genital mutilation within a generation. The World Health Organisation is particularly concerned about the increasing trend for medically trained personnel to perform female genital mutilation and it strongly urges health professionals not to perform such procedures. The Christian Democratic Party totally agrees with this call.

As I said earlier, female genital mutilation is practised in certain parts of the world, including Africa, the Middle East and other countries. As to the reasons given for female genital mutilation, it is believed that it was associated with the Muslim religion. However, I can find no instruction in the Muslim religion or the *Koran* that in any way encourages this activity. It is a cultural activity. Some people may wrongly think it is required of a Muslim female, but it needs to be made very

clear that that is not true. With the passing of this legislation I encourage Muslim leaders to put on record that this practice is not in any way supported by Muslim clerics and urge them to do all they can to discourage any persons from that mistaken point of view. The Law Society of New South Wales, in a letter to me dated 11 March 2014, stated that it prefers an educational approach to this issue, as it does on almost every issue. In the final paragraph, it states:

The Committee's view is that a multi-disciplinary approach, such as that taken by the NSW FGM program, without yet resorting to legislative reform, is consistent with the protection and promotion of the rights of women. For the reasons set out above the Committee opposes the Bill. That is unfortunate, as it is preferable to have support across the community, particularly from the legal profession. The parliamentary Legislation Review Committee stated in its digest:

The Committee will always comment when there is a substantial penalty increase for criminal offences. The penalty increase in this Bill follows an extensive review process and is designed to bring New South Wales into line with other jurisdictions. Given these circumstances the Committee makes no further comment.

I assume that the committee does not oppose the legislation. The major challenge is who will report these cases? Who will consent to be a witness? A very young girl probably would not be willing to be a witness. That could be the reason there have been so few convictions, rather than that police are unwilling to lay charges. Police need evidence to justify a conviction or enable a matter to proceed. Females attending a hospital suffering from female genital mutilation may be unwilling to tell police who carried out the procedure, or they may be so young so as to not fully understand what has happened to them except that they have been seriously hurt. This issue involves a community response. If community members are aware that this is happening they must assist the police to take action against the perpetrators. The bill is a step in the right direction. It better reflects community expectations that perpetrators of this abuse should be more severely punished. This barbaric form of abuse should be condemned in the strongest possible terms. The Christian Democratic Party commends the bill to the House.

### REV FRED NILE CALLS FOR SUPPORT FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 13 May 2014, Rev Nile stated:

### ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE** [10.53 p.m.]: Last night my wife, Silvana, and I were pleased to be guests at the celebration of Israel's sixty-sixth independence day at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney at which speeches were given by the Premier, the Hon. Mike Baird; the Leader of the Opposition, Hon John Robertson, and the new Israeli Ambassador. I will also speak tonight about the commemoration of the tragic holocaust in which six million Jews were murdered by the evil regime led by Adolf Hitler. This tragic event was commemorated this night at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral.

The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, made a speech entitled "The State of Israel is a Global Wonder", on 28 April 2014, at this year's Yad Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony in Israel, in which he stated:

The people of Israel are strong. When faced with an existential threat, the situation of our people today is entirely different than it was during the Holocaust...

On this day, on behalf of the Jewish people, I say to all those who sought to destroy us,

to all those who still seek to destroy us: you have failed and you will fail.

The Prime Minister began the speech by saying:

The last time I visited Yad Vashem was with the Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper, a great friend of Israel and the Jewish people. We went through the exhibition rooms which present heartbreaking documentation of the destruction of European Jewry.

When we left Yad Vashem, I told the Canadian Prime Minister that the primary duty of the Prime Minister of Israel is to ensure that there will be no more memorial sites like this, that there will never be another Holocaust.

I have said many times in this place that we must identify an existential threat in time and take action in time. Tonight, on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day, I ask myself: why, in the years preceding the Holocaust, did the overwhelming majority of world leaders and Jewish leaders fail to detect the danger in time? In retrospect, all the warning signs were there: the strengthening of the Nazi regime year after year; the horrific anti-Semitic propaganda which grew stronger with each passing month; and the murderous

attacks on Jews which began as a trickle and transformed into a huge wave...

So I ask: How is it possible that so many people failed to understand the reality? The bitter and tragic truth is this: it is not that they did not see it. They did not want to see it. And why did they choose not to see the truth? Because they did not want to face the consequences of that truth.

I am reminded that a similar crisis is developing tonight in the Ukraine. Anti-Semitic, hate-filled threats are being hurled at Ukrainian Jewry in almost a repeat of what happened in 1930s Europe. The Holocaust may have ended in 1945, but the spirit that inspired it lives on. A report from the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem reads:

On Sunday, 4 May 2014, the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem welcomed a group of 19 Ukrainian Jews it was assisting to make aliyah to Israel due to the on-going crisis in The Ukraine. Arranged through the Jewish Agency, the group included five families and three single women who are part of a significant increase in Ukrainian Jewish immigration to Israel this year in order to escape the unrest of recent months.

Anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi groups were on the rise in the Ukraine even before the current

political crisis erupted. Many Jews no longer feel safe there and are preparing to leave for Israel. The Jewish Agency for Israel reported recently that the number of Jews making aliyah—that is, moving—from Ukraine has nearly doubled so far this year compared with 2013. Over recent decades the International Christian Embassy has assisted more than 115,000 Jews in making aliyah to Israel, including at least 42,000 from the Ukraine.

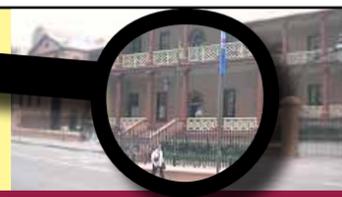
Today, tragically, here in Australia we see the spectre of anti-Semitism resurfacing in the guise of boycotts, divestments and sanctions against Israel. Those of us who perceive the spiritual aspect of the battle take heart in the truths contained in scripture at John 4:22, where Jesus Christ said, and Apostle Paul affirms, that everything we hold dear as Christians has come from the Jewish people. We are indeed their debtors, and now more than ever Israel needs our support, prayers and ministry of comfort. I conclude with the words of Reverend Malcolm Hedding, the former director of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, who quoted Isaiah 2:1-4:

A time of great glory awaits Israel, even though dark times may precede the break of day. Vision will not fail, and from a Jewish Jerusalem, the Lord's law will go out and the nations shall not learn war anymore.



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## Rev Fred Nile Condemns the ALP Opposition, the Greens and the Shooters & Fishers Party for Watering down the Government's Drug-Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Bill

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Wednesday 19 March 2014, Rev Nile stated:

### CRIMES AMENDMENT (INTOXICATION) BILL 2014

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE** [4.12 p.m.]: I am very pleased to support the Crimes Amendment (Intoxication) Bill 2014. This bill implements the Government's commitment to introduce mandatory minimum sentences for people who commit serious acts of violence while intoxicated in public. The bill amends the Crimes Act 1900 to create new aggravated personal violence offences, the most serious of which carry mandatory minimum sentences. I congratulate the Government, especially the Premier, on its courage in pursuing this legislation in spite of criticism from the Council for Civil Liberties, the legal fraternity and the Opposition. I note that in his second reading speech the Premier said:

The Government responded to community concern and it believes it is necessary to introduce these measures to combat the recent spate of serious drug- and alcohol-fuelled attacks on our streets. We are determined to send a strong message to those who engage in drug- and alcohol-fuelled violence: If you get drunk or take drugs and seriously assault someone in public, you will go to jail.

The purpose of this legislation is to make the streets of Sydney and other large metropolitan and regional cities, such as Newcastle and Wollongong, safe places where people can go out and enjoy socialising without the fear of being involved in violent fights or violent attacks. I note that this is the second stage of the Government's plan to respond to the increased alcohol-fuelled violence and that the first stage has proceeded with the support of all members of the House. I am disappointed that this bill does not appear to be getting the same support and I question why that is so when it is proceeding as the second stage of the whole campaign.

In a recent Senate inquiry into alcohol the Senators all agreed that it is our number one social problem. We need to bring in strong legislation to deal with the breakdown of behaviour that is happening on our streets. I am disappointed that the Australian Labor Party and, it appears, the Shooters and Fishers Party have reservations about this bill and that the Opposition will introduce amendments which seem to undermine the whole purpose of this legislation.

The bill creates various aggravated violence offences for an adult offender who is intoxicated in public by alcohol or a narcotic drug and increases by two years the maximum penalty for the particular aggravated offence. For example, the current maximum penalty for reckless grievous bodily harm in company is 14 years and it will be increased to 16 years; and the current maximum penalty for reckless grievous bodily harm will be increased from 10 years to 12 years. Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the legislation is that it will bring in mandatory minimum sentences for aggravated

offences. But the sentences are very moderate when one considers the offence itself. For example, reckless grievous bodily harm in company in a gang situation with others will carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years; reckless grievous bodily harm, four years; reckless wounding in company, four years; reckless wounding, three years; and assaulting a police officer—reckless grievous bodily harm or wounding—five years.

I have had two sons in the Police Force and I believe many people would agree with me that five years is a very moderate sentence for assaulting a police officer. In the past week or so there have been increasing reports of police officers being assaulted and injured, particularly female police officers. There seems to have been a loss of respect for the police when they are carrying out their lawful duty of protecting our society. Whereas in the past people would have been very reluctant and fearful to assault a police officer, now there seems to be no barrier for some people as to who they attack.

Reckless grievous bodily harm or wounding during a public disorder will carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years. I believe that these mandatory minimum sentences for aggravated offences should be passed by this House. We have the ability to monitor the effect of the legislation. The Hon. Robert Borsak spoke about police officers acting in a very discriminatory way towards one of his family members. I believe that represents a very, very small minority of police officers in this State and that what happened would be an exception to the rule. This should not affect our attitude to legislation dealing with all the different situations that can occur in society.

The bill also amends the recently created offence of assault causing death when intoxicated, to clarify the scope of the offence and to make consequential changes that reflect features of other proposed aggravated intoxicated offences created by this bill. It also makes consequential amendments to the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 to facilitate testing a person for the presence of drugs or alcohol in relation to an arrest for an aggravated intoxication offence. As I have said on a number of occasions, it is most important to increase the ability of the police to detect drugs on individuals. I know that we have some drug testing vans or buses, but I believe those are not sufficient to cover serious situations where this drug testing is needed. The public place to which the intoxication offences will apply will be defined as those that are in or in the vicinity of any premises or land open to the public, licensed venues, restricted premises such as brothels, biker headquarters and so on. The bill also gives a definition of intoxication and states:

For the purposes of an aggravated intoxication offence, a person is intoxicated if:

- (a) the person's speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected as the result of the consumption or taking of alcohol or a narcotic drug (or any other intoxicating substance in conjunction with alcohol or a narcotic drug), or

- (b) there was present in the person's breath or blood the prescribed concentration of alcohol (that is, 0.15 or above).

These definitions of public intoxication will also apply to the new offence of unlawful assault causing death—the one-punch legislation that this House has already dealt with. The issue of sentencing for sexual assault will be considered once the New South Wales Government has received the report of the parliamentary inquiry examining the issue of child sexual abuse sentences. I am pleased to be a member of that inquiry. The inquiry is investigating the current level of sentencing for child sexual abuse matters, why the penalties are so low, and where a child has been sexually assaulted and abused what can be done to ensure the perpetrator feels the full weight of the law. I look forward to the report of that inquiry in due course.

I note also that some of the women's services have questioned the potential impact of mandatory sentencing in relation to domestic and sexual assaults. Their particular concern is that victims and witnesses may become more reluctant to provide evidence where mandatory sentencing applies. However, this bill does not impose mandatory sentences for sexual assault. It applies only to serious personal violence offences that occur in public while the offender is intoxicated; it does not overlap that domestic circumstance. That may require legislative change in the future, but that domestic situation is not covered by this legislation. The Christian Democratic Party is pleased to support the bill before the House.

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE** [5.55 p.m.]: The Christian Democratic Party does not support Opposition amendments Nos 1 to 9. We are concerned that the whole direction of the amendments is basically to change the way in which the Government bill is to operate, the Opposition amendments being based on the Victorian model. It would appear that more discretion is being returned to the judiciary. The whole reason we are having this debate is the community's total dissatisfaction with sentences given out by the judiciary. It is a protest against our judicial system and our judges—not all judges—without going into detail. Because of the backlash mandatory sentences have now been introduced. It has been forced on the Parliament and the Government by the actions of the judiciary. If the judiciary had been more in step with community standards it would not have been necessary for the Parliament to introduce mandatory sentencing.

The Opposition amendments seek to water down the Government's legislation and to raise the question of psychosocial immaturity when quite often much of the violence involves people between the ages of 18 and 21. The Opposition has not used that argument in debate about raising the legal age for drinking alcohol to 21 years, which was a proposal in my bill. The Opposition has never previously shown any sympathy for that approach yet it is now using that argument in support of its amendments to this bill.

### REV FRED NILE CALLS FOR DETAILED SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY OF TAX PAYERS' FUNDS

In his question to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 13 May 2014, Mr Nile asked the following:

#### UNITY GRAMMAR COLLEGE

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE:** My question is directed to the Minister for Ageing, representing the Minister for Education. Is the Government aware that the Unity Grammar College, a Sydney Muslim school of 800 students, is being investigated by a special audit by the NSW Department of Education for serious financial mismanagement, with an investigation into the whereabouts of millions of

dollars in payments made to companies that are linked to its directors? Is the Government aware that the Unity Grammar College received \$6.8 million in State and Federal funds in 2012 and that under State and Commonwealth laws education funding is provided strictly on a not-for-profit basis? Will the Minister inform the House of the ramifications for the Unity Grammar College should the school be found in breach of financial mismanagement of State and Federal education funds?

**The Hon. JOHN AJAKA:** I thank the honourable

member for his question. I assure him that the Minister for Education takes these matters very seriously. In fact, there have been a number of schools for which the Minister has given strict instructions in relation to audits and investigations. If any breaches are found, the Minister will take the appropriate action, whether that results in the appointment of administrators or the withholding of funds. With regards to the specifics of this question, I will refer it to the Minister for Education for a reply.



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## Rev Fred Nile Calls for Clean Government at Next NSW State Election

The Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, leader of Christian Democratic Party, has criticised Premier O'Farrell for misleading ICAC and having close relationships with the head of Australian Water Holdings, Mr Nick Di Girolamo, which even if inadvertently led to misleading ICAC.

"Such a gift (over \$500) must be declared by all MP's in their Annual Parliamentary Return which Mr O'Farrell failed to do.

"Mr O'Farrell's hand-written thank you note is now held by the ICAC confirming he did receive this bottle of wine.

"Mr O'Farrell should remember the ancient proverb from Troy "beware of Greeks bearing gifts".

"In these circumstances Mr O'Farrell had no option other than to resign as NSW Premier, an action for which I commend him and see as an honourable action".

The Rev Fred Nile was the first MP to raise the alleged illegal activity of the Australian Water Holding Company draining large funds from the Sydney Water Corporation for Liberal Party Donations, expensive dinners, limousines etc. Refer attached question and answer Rev Nile asked in NSW Parliament 25 March 2014:

### AUSTRALIAN WATER HOLDINGS

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE:** My question without notice is directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports, representing

the Minister for Resources and Energy. What has been the impact on the viability, profits and benefits of Sydney Water to the State of New South Wales in view of the exorbitant and possibly illegal payments claimed by Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd?

**The Hon. DUNCAN GAY:** I thank the honourable member for his important question. I do not believe it is one for the Hon. Anthony Roberts but one for the Hon. Andrew Constance, whom I also represent. I am prepared to have a go at most questions but this is one of a technical degree that I suspect is beyond my incredible competence. I will refer the question to the Minister and seek a detailed answer.

NSW voters must use the next State Election in 2015 to vote 1 "No Corruption" and therefore vote for the Christian Democratic Party.

As a member of the Parliamentary ICAC Committee, I congratulate the ICAC for its efficiency in exposing corruption and the failures of reporting pecuniary gifts in the Parliamentary Register" said Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

"Given this season of Easter's message is a story of forgiveness and grace, Mr O'Farrell should be extended that forgiveness and grace and look toward the possibility of a new day" said Rev Nile.

## Rev Nile Congratulates New South Wales' Premier Mike Baird

The Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party, has congratulated the new Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Mike Baird, on his election to this privileged position.

The Christian Democratic Party looks forward to working with the new Liberal leadership, the Hon Mike Baird and the Hon Gladys Berejiklian.

We have confidence that the Hon Mike

Baird will serve the people of NSW well and we offer our support and assistance where and when we are able to do so.

"I have had a close relationship with Mike Baird MP as Treasurer and look forward to working with him in the NSW Upper House, as the Government continues to implement its mandate from the people of NSW to remain the leading State of Australia." said Rev Fred Nile.

## Rev Fred Nile Thanks Parliament for Serious Debate on Prohibiting Alcohol Advertising

The Rev Fred Nile MLC, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party, has thanked the NSW Upper House for the serious debate on his Private Members Bills to prohibit alcohol advertising in NSW because of the health dangers to young people and the increase in alcohol-fuelled violence.

"I was shocked by the recent glossy alcohol advertising supplement used as

a "wrap around" in the Sydney Morning Herald which my Bill would prohibit if passed.

"My original Bill to prohibit cigarette advertising was finally passed in spite of strong, fierce opposition by the powerful tobacco industry.

"I believe my Alcohol Bill will eventually be passed by the NSW Parliament" said Rev Nile.

## ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIER: A PREMIER'S FAITH

As Mike Baird moved into the Premier's office so did a significant influence: Jesus Christ.

Mr Baird is a proud and committed Christian who once considered becoming an Anglican minister. His rise to the top has seen a concentration of powerful religious conviction among the upper echelons of the new government.

Mr Baird's chief of staff, Bay Warburton, has held the job since late 2011.

The next year Mr Warburton reflected on the role of Jesus in his job and that of his boss during a speech to primary and high school students at Redeemer Baptist School at Parramatta.

"I've served Jesus in a number of different jobs and now I'm serving Jesus as a chief of staff," Mr Warburton said. "And Mike, who's the Treasurer - he believes he's serving Jesus as the Treasurer of the state. He believes that he has a great opportunity to help people by making responsible decisions about the money from this state."

He said he prayed for guidance before taking a job to make "wise choices". "And how do you do that? Well, you read your Bible ... and you understand what God's plan for your life is and how he wants us to make choices and what sort of criteria we should use to make those choices."

Mr Warburton told the students they were privileged

to learn about "the Lord of the universe who put stars in the sky, who created the world, who created every single part of what we live in, who created each and every one of us".

Mr Warburton is not the only like-minded colleague in Mr Baird's inner circle. A notable addition to cabinet is his close friend Rob Stokes, the new environment minister, who holds a diploma in Bible studies. During Wednesday's swearing-in ceremony Mr Stokes omitted the words "under God".

He later said the decision was guided by Matthew's gospel in which Jesus frowned upon the swearing of oaths.

New finance minister Dominic Perrottet - a former protege of one-time "religious right" faction leader David Clarke - attended Redfield College in Dural, a school run by the conservative Catholic order Opus Dei.

Mr Clarke, whose wife Maria-Louise is an Opus Dei member, remains parliamentary secretary for justice.

Throw into the mix the deputy Premier and Nationals leader Andrew Stoner - who attends the evangelical C3



Mike Baird: "I'm not going to hide who I am." Photo: Steven Siewert

church - and the Baird/Stoner government is shaping as the most devout in living memory. It is a stark turnaround from a week ago when NSW was led by the relatively secular Barry O'Farrell.

But Mr Baird rejected the notion his government would be influenced by the strength of religious belief in his office or his cabinet. "I'm not going to hide who I am and what's important to me, but I govern for everyone," he said.

He said faith "is a matter for the individual". "My position has been clear in the Parliament," Mr Baird said.

"I don't go into Parliament and seek to legislate that. I'll respond on the basis of conscience."

Mr Baird is on the record as opposing same sex marriage, embryonic stem cell research and same sex adoption. However, he committed to allowing Liberal MPs a free vote on such matters, as did Mr O'Farrell.

Asked if his decision-making as Premier would be guided by the Bible, Mr Baird said: "I am guided to do everything I possibly can to look after every single person in this state and to do it fairly and justly."

## Rev Fred Nile Calls for Action Against Increasing Child Sexual Abuse Attacks

In his question to the NSW Parliament on Thursday 8 May 2014, Mr Nile asked the following:

### CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE:** I address my question without notice to the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services, representing the Minister for Family and Community Services. Will the Minister inform the House whether the Government is aware that more than 13 cases of child sexual abuse a day were reported in

New South Wales last year and that numbers are on the rise, according to Detective Chief Superintendent John Kerlatec; that of the 4,800 complaints received in 2013 about 15 per cent were stranger attacks but the bulk of abuse was committed behind closed doors by people the children know and trust? What programs are in place in an effort to alleviate this tragedy within families of New South Wales?

**The Hon. JOHN AJAKA:** I thank the honourable member for his question. I will

refer the specific aspects of that question to the relevant Minister and provide a reply. The New South Wales Government's child protection reform agenda is creating a child protection system that helps ensure children and young people at risk of significant harm are safe and that those children who do need to be in out-of-home care are on their way to having a safe home for life. Family and Community Services is now publishing meaningful and comprehensive data about its front-line performance on the Community

Services Caseworker Dashboard.

As shown on the most recent Caseworker Dashboard, published 28 February, front-line workers are continuing to see more children and young people reported as being at risk of significant harm than in previous years. This Government takes very seriously the safety of our young children and will continue to do what is required. As I indicated earlier, I will refer the question to the Minister and seek further answers for the honourable member.



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## Citizens' Legislation Action

Rev Hon Fred Nile and the Hon Paul Green are seeking the Lord's guidance and your support in dealing with the challenges and opportunities facing NSW.

### CRIMES AMENDMENT (ZOE'S LAW) BILL 2013 (NO. 2)

On Thursday 29 August 2013 Chris Spence MP introduced Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill 2013 (No. 2) into the lower house with changes to Rev Nile's original Bill. We thank God that this historic Bill was passed by the NSW Legislative Assembly by an overwhelming vote of 63 to 26, which was remarkable.

We expected the Zoe's Bill to be debated and passed by the NSW Legislative Council during May but we have encountered fierce opposition by the pro-abortion feminists comprising the "Sisterhood".

However, the Zoe's Bill has clear exemptions for any medical procedure including abortion. The Zoe's Bill also requires the mother to agree to any legal action. Normally no woman would sue the doctor who performed her abortion so it does not affect abortions.

We have received letters and emails of support from

concerned citizens, the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher - Bishop of Parramatta, the Most Revd Geoffrey H Jarrett - Bishop of Lismore, NSW Council of Churches, Ministers, Pastors, Australia Christian Lobby, FamilyVoice, Lawyers and QC's.

**ACTION: Write to Members of the Upper House to support this important Bill (visit <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/members.nsf/V3ListCurrentLCMembers> for Members' details)**

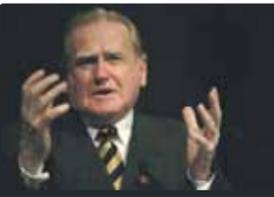
### CDP BILLS

The following is a sample of some of the legislation CDP plans to introduce in the 55th Parliament of the New South Wales Legislative Council:

1. Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill
2. Liquor Amendment (Drinking Age) Bill
3. Liquor Amendment (Health Warning for Pregnant Women) Bill
4. Gambling Advertising Prohibition Bill
5. Drug and Alcohol Treatment Amendment (Rehabilitation of Persons with Severe Substance Dependence) Bill
6. State Senate Bill

7. Sex Services Advertising Prohibition Bill
8. Family Impact Commission Bill
9. Summary Offences Amendment (Full-face Coverings Prohibition) Bill
10. Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples Repeal) Bill
11. Crimes Amendment (Soliciting Sex for Payment) Bill
12. Crimes Amendment (Incitement or Promotion of Terrorism and Violence) Bill
13. Child Protection (Nicole's Law) Bill
14. Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment (Banning Restricted X Rated Films) Bill
15. Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Counselling) Bill
16. Crimes Amendment (Pre-natal Termination) Bill
17. Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill
18. Drug Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Injecting Centre Repeal) Bill
19. Constitution Amendment (Restoration of Oaths of Allegiance) Bill
20. St Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Bill
21. Crimes Amendment (Provocation) Bill 2014

## FRED NILE'S PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE



### Media Releases:

- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports the cancellation of corrupt mining leases
- Rev Fred Nile fully supports new assault and intoxication Bills
- "A time to Remember" - 226 years later of Christian Heritage
- Parliament begins with MP's 'high honour from God'
- Rev Fred Nile introduced new Provocation Bill
- Rev Fred Nile sounds alarm bells concerning the long-term effects of abortion
- Rev Fred Nile urges Government to deter homosexual young men from high risk homosexual activity
- Rev Fred Nile calls for closed circuit TV in Kings Cross
- Rev Fred Nile warns Government concerning Professor Levin
- Important Information - The Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill No2 2013
- Death of Daniel Morcombe is another example of the need for a Child Protection Register listing all child sex offenders
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation
- Rev Fred Nile successfully moves historic Assyrian Homeland Motion
- Rev Fred Nile condemns the ALP Opposition, the Greens and the Shooters & Fishers Party for watering down the Government's Drug-Alcohol Fuelled Violence Bill
- Rev Fred Nile challenges Sydney Water payments to Australian Water Holdings
- Rev Fred Nile urges NSW Government to procure Naval Ship contracts
- Rev Fred Nile is pleased with successful vote for the Provocation Bill
- Rev Fred Nile congratulates the St Vincent de Paul Society for their caring service for the needy and underprivileged
- Rev Fred Nile Calls for Clean Government at Next NSW State Election
- Rev Nile Congratulates New South Wales' Premier Mike Baird
- Rev Fred Nile Questions Health Risks of Wind Turbines

### #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS

- Rev Fred Nile calls for strong drug laws in Nimbin NSW
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to prevent brothels in residential complexes
- Rev Fred Nile Condemns Amnesty International
- Rev Fred Nile Thanks Parliament for Serious Debate on Prohibiting Alcohol Advertising.
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action against increasing child sexual abuse attacks
- Rev Fred Nile calls for detailed school accountability of tax payers' funds
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports 21 year imprisonment in Female Genital Mutilation Bill
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### Questions Without Notice:

- Rev Fred Nile sounds alarm bells concerning the longterm effects of abortion
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation
- Rev Fred Nile challenges Sydney Water payments to Australian Water Holdings
- Rev Fred Nile urges NSW Government to procure Naval Ship contracts
- Rev Fred Nile Questions Health Risks of Wind Turbines
- Rev Fred Nile calls for strong drug laws in Nimbin NSW
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to prevent brothels in residential complexes
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action against increasing child sexual abuse attacks
- Rev Fred Nile calls for detailed school accountability of tax payers' funds

### Speeches:

- Rev Fred Nile successfully moved amendments to Crown Resort Bill to prohibit poker machines
- Rev Fred Nile urges retention of DNA review panel
- Rev Fred Nile supports the rights of the Bowraville families to have their say at a Parliament House Inquiry

- Rev Fred Nile supports stronger Government powers to cancel mining licences obtained by corruption
- Rev Fred Nile calls for total ban on smoking in cars to prevent bush fires and accidents
- Rev Fred Nile condemns modern sex slavery
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports the cancellation of corrupt mining leases
- Rev Fred Nile fully supports new assault and intoxication Bills
- Rev Fred Nile introduced new Provocation Bill
- Rev Fred Nile successfully moves historic Assyrian Homeland Motion
- Rev Fred Nile Condemns the ALP Opposition, the Greens and the Shooters & Fishers Party for watering down the Government's Drug-Alcohol Fuelled Violence Bill
- Rev Fred Nile is pleased with successful vote for the Provocation Bill
- Rev Fred Nile congratulates the St Vincent de Paul Society for their caring service for the needy and underprivileged
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### 2013 Committees:

- General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 – Chairman Fred Nile
- Privileges & Ethics Committee – Fred Nile
- Procedure Committee – Fred Nile
- ICAC Committee - Fred Nile
- Drug Rehabilitation Inquiry – Fred Nile Deputy Chairman
- Standing Committee on State Development – Paul Green
- General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 – Paul Green
- General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 – Paul Green
- Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission – Paul Green
- Select Committee on the closure or downsizing of Corrective Services NSW facilities – Chairman Paul Green