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Rev Fred Nile Praises Captain Arthur Phillip and Lieutenant Matthew Flinders

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Thursday 29 May 2014, Rev Nile stated:

BICENTENARY OF DEATHS OF CAPTAIN ARTHUR PHILLIP AND LIEUTENANT MATTHEW FLINDERS

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE [3.35 p.m.]: I speak on the bicentenary of the deaths of Captain Arthur Phillip and Lieutenant Matthew Flinders. This year, 2014, will see the bicentenary of the deaths of two of the most extraordinary men in Australian history—Captain Arthur Phillip, the first Governor of New South Wales and the founder of our modern nation, and Lieutenant Matthew Flinders, the man who charted the entire coastline of the continent upon which he, for the first time, bestowed the name “Australia”.

Described by former Premier Bob Carr as “the greatest ever Australian”, Captain Arthur Phillip was born in London in 1738, the son of Jacob Phillip, a German-born teacher. He was a brilliant naval commander and administrator who joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15 and served his nation well in war and peace. Phillip captured the Spanish ship *St Augustin*, which carried three times the firepower of his own small vessel. After resuming active service with the Royal Navy, he later worked as a secret naval espionage agent in peacetime France, in between times tending his farm in Hampshire.

In 1787 his experience and resourcefulness made him the ideal choice to command the proposed First Fleet to establish a British convict settlement on the shores of a faraway Australia.

He declared that “there will never be any slavery in this land” and we saw that in the way in which he administered the colony of New South Wales. An ailing Phillip returned to England after spending almost five years in New South Wales, leaving behind a well-established young colony. He hoped to regain his health and return but it was not to be. Reaching the rank of Admiral of the Blue, he lived in retirement in Bath until his death on 31 August 1814. He and his second wife, Isabella, now rest in peace in the country church of St Nicholas in Bathampton.

Matthew Flinders dedicated himself to a life of discovery and is ranked second only to Captain James Cook among the explorers of his time. Born in 1774, Flinders, like Phillip, joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15 and in 1791 served as a midshipman on HMS *Providence* under Captain William Bligh on his successful breadfruit voyage to Tahiti after the mutiny on the *Bounty*. Later, Flinders saw action in HMS *Bellerophon* at the naval battle of the Glorious First of June 1794. In 1795 Flinders sailed to Australia with the incoming Governor Hunter and began his long task of mapping the great south land.

Flinders proved that Tasmania was a separate island and completely charted Australia’s coastline with such accuracy that some of his charts remained in use until World War II. His invention of the Flinders bar, which was a simple rod of soft iron placed near the compass to compensate for outside magnetic influences, was soon to be adopted worldwide. En route to England in 1803 to publish his maps, Flinders was captured by

the French and kept as a prisoner of war on Mauritius before being released seven years later. Arriving in England in failing health in October 1810 Flinders was belatedly promoted to post captain and began work on his monumental work *A Voyage to Terra Australis*, which was published on 18 July 1814, the day before he died. He was buried at St James, Hampstead Road, but later alterations to the churchyard have obliterated his grave.

Captain Arthur Phillip’s extraordinary achievement in herding and leading the First Fleet—11 ships filled with 1,000 of Britain’s most unwanted—24,000 kilometres across the world will be celebrated on 9 July with the installation of a memorial stone at Westminster Abbey to mark the bicentenary of Phillip’s death. The success of Arthur Phillip’s journey from England was nothing short of miraculous, both in its undertaking and in its result.

The question is why the Office of Environment and Heritage and the Historic Houses Trust are doing so little to celebrate the bicentenary of the deaths of Captain Arthur Phillip and Lieutenant Matthew Flinders. They have simply reinstated a bust of Governor Phillip, improved a walking track and organised a one day seminar. Is that the best we can do in the State of New South Wales? The answer is, no. This is a great opportunity for Sydney to rise up and honour the founding fathers of not only this State but the nation. I urge the New South Wales Government and Premier Baird to make urgent decisions to fully honour our founding fathers Governor Arthur Phillip and Lieutenant Matthew Flinders.

REV NILE PRAISES A REMARKABLE WOMAN - GOVERNOR MARIE BASHIR

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 9 September 2014, Rev Nile stated:

GOVERNOR’S SPEECH: ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

First Day’s Debate

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE: I am very pleased on behalf of the Christian Democratic Party to take part in this Address-in-Reply debate and to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, a friend and an outstanding Governor—Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO. As members know, the office of Governor of this State is the oldest public office in Australia, dating from 1786 when Captain Arthur Phillip was issued a commission appointing him Governor of the then Colony of New South Wales. More than two and a quarter centuries later, the Governor has an important constitutional and ceremonial role in the State and is closely involved in community activities and events. That was evident from the remarks made during the special luncheon held today when the Governor’s service was recounted. Mention was made of the many receptions and dinners she has attended and the many country towns she has visited across this State. Her service has been remarkable.

In early 2001, on the recommendation of the then Premier, Bob Carr, Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, appointed Professor Marie Bashir as Governor of New South Wales, making her the first female Governor and the first Governor of any State of Lebanese descent. She was sworn in as Governor on 1 March 2001 and on 30 March she was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. Her appointment was greeted with praise from all quarters, even from the *Sydney Morning Herald*. An editorial in that newspaper said that “her appointment was an inspired choice” and noted that she would be a powerful advocate for the powerless. That proved to be true given her deep concern for the Aboriginal people

of this State and this nation. As we know, the Governor launched an Indigenous health initiative to support Indigenous medicine and nursing students. She was also a great supporter of reconciliation.

Professor Bashir was born in Narrandera, New South Wales. When my late wife Elaine had to retire from Parliament because of ill health, the Governor invited us to morning tea at Government House. We were both from working-class backgrounds and that invitation was both a thrill and unexpected. The Governor’s humility and spirit has been clearly revealed over her life. I remember her telling us during that morning tea that when she was sent from Narrandera to Sydney to attend Cleveland Street Primary School she found that she was the only child wearing socks and shoes; the other children were all barefooted. Each day her grandmother would put on her socks and shoes, but when she arrived at school she would take them off. For the rest of the day she was barefooted and could identify with the other children. That demonstrates that from childhood she had a deep spirit of humility and was a caring soul. That spirit has been evident throughout her life and particularly over the past 13½ years in her role as Governor of New South Wales.

Professor Bashir was a medical graduate of the University of Sydney and a medical registrar at St Vincent’s Hospital and Sydney Children’s Hospital. She was also a fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. After completing her postgraduate studies in psychiatry, she was appointed to establish the Rivendell Child, Adolescent and Family Service to provide comprehensive specialist psychiatry services for young people with emotional and psychiatric problems. Her key interests have included child and adolescent depression, mental health issues affecting refugee and immigrant children, juvenile justice and

Aboriginal health. In 1987 Professor Bashir was appointed director of Community Health Services in the central Sydney area, which enabled her to have closer access to primary health links with an emphasis on early childhood services, migrant and Indigenous health, the health needs of elderly people, and communicable illnesses. Health promotion and health education strategies through a population health model were also her key responsibility.

In 1993 Professor Bashir was appointed Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Sydney and in 1994 she was appointed the Clinical Director of Mental Health Services for the central Sydney area. This was a time of major reform in mental health service delivery that contributed to substantial changes in the provision of public sector mental health services. She also served on the examination committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and on the Regional Issues Committee. Having had a special interest over many years in Indigenous health, Professor Bashir travelled extensively to visit remote communities in Central Australia, the Kimberley and Arnhem Land to gain a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and history, which have a significant impact on Indigenous health.

In 1995, in partnership with the Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern, Professor Bashir established the Aboriginal Mental Health Unit, which provides regular clinics and counselling at both the Aboriginal Medical Service in Sydney and mainstream centres. She also established links to some Indigenous rural communities. Professor Bashir has been very active in Indigenous health and in providing the best health services possible to Aboriginal people.

In 2006 she was invested by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, CVO. Her Excellency

also received the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Rotary Club of Sydney and was made an honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

She has received a number of awards from other nations because of her interest in and concern for the people of those nations. In particular, in 2012 she was invested with the Lebanese National Order of the Cedar, the Grand Cordon grade, by the President of the

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Rev Fred Nile Opposes Sale of Royal North Shore Hospital Grounds

In his question to the NSW Parliament on Wednesday 15 October 2014, Mr Nile asked the following:

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE: I ask the Minister for Roads and Freight, representing the Premier, a question without notice. I was chairman of the previous inquiry into Royal North Shore Hospital. Is it a fact that the New South Wales Government is planning to sell part of the Royal North Shore Hospital grounds? Is it a fact that the local area board has recommended that this land be used to ensure that Royal North Shore Hospital is of sufficient size to comply with being a major teaching hospital? Will the Premier intervene to ensure that the land is reserved for Royal North Shore Hospital purposes in accordance with the clinicians’ proposals?

The Hon. DUNCAN GAY: I thank the member for this important question about Royal North Shore Hospital and its grounds. I will refer the question to the Premier and obtain a response.



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Rev Fred Nile Shares the Good News of Salvation During the Christmas Season

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Thursday 20 November 2014, Rev Nile stated:

SEASONAL FELICITATIONS

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE [4.00 p.m.]: I support the motion moved by the Hon. Duncan Gay and his seasonal felicitations. On behalf of the Christian Democratic Party, the Hon. Paul Green and I wish all members of the House a very merry Christmas. I thank all members for their friendship and cooperation. I particularly thank the Leader of the House, the Hon. Duncan Gay, for helping us and informing us of government legislation and plans. It is always helpful to have that information and to know what is happening. I also thank John MacGowan, who has been a great help to us with bills, motions and so on.

I particularly thank the President, the Hon. Don Harwin, whom I have endeavoured to assist, and the Deputy-President, the Hon. Jenny Gardiner, whom I wish all the best as she moves on from this place, for their help and support. I also particularly thank

the Hon. Barry O'Farrell for his assistance and guidance on a number of issues while he was Premier. I thank Premier Mike Baird for his cooperation and briefings. I also put on the record my appreciation of the support that I have had from the Hon. Marie Ficarra. It is a pity that her preselection could not have been delayed until the Independent Commission Against Corruption cleared her. If that had happened she would have had a fair opportunity to return to this House representing the Liberal Party. Like other members, I thank the Hon. Mike Gallacher for his help and support while he was the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. I thank the two Roberts—fellow members of the Guns and Moses team—for their support. We will wear the t-shirts one day.

I thank the Clerks, David Blunt, Beverley Duffy and Susan Want, the procedure office staff and parliamentary committee staff, especially Teresa, who is working hard on the Newcastle inquiry. I also thank the Hansard staff; the attendants—particularly

Julie and Mark; the special constables; the parliamentary staff; the dining room staff; and the room service staff. Paul and I also thank our own staff on the eleventh level—Judy Russell, Belinda Dover, Marie Mirza, Alex Burton and Yvette Hanna.

Every year for the past 33 years I have made a brief comment about why we celebrate Christmas. As members know, the answer can be found in the Bible, and particularly in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, verse 10, which refers to when the angels appeared to the shepherds and said:

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Finally, in answer to the question of why Jesus came in the first place, Jesus gave the answer himself in the Gospel of John at chapter 3:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whomever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: But that the world through him might be saved.

May we all experience that message of Christmas and salvation. May you all enjoy Christmas and the opportunities it brings for you to be with your families and friends. God bless you and have a merry Christmas.

Rev Fred Nile Celebrates the Message of Christmas – Jesus Christ - is the Reason for the Season

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

MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE [6.39 p.m.]: I speak about the message of Christmas. It is a great privilege to have had the opportunity to serve in this House for 33 years and to have done so as a Christian minister who is also an elected member of the New South Wales Parliament. Romans 13:4 states:

The government is also a minister of God; that is, to serve both God and the people.

It is also a great privilege to have been able to bring to the attention of this House at various times, particularly opportune times such as the adjournment of the Parliament for Christmas, the meaning of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ—the reason for the season. It is not the holiday season; it is the Christmas season. I believe it is important that we retain the word “Christmas”—which was originally “Christ’s Mass”, the Holy Communion or the Lord’s Supper. For the meaning of Christmas we have to turn to the Holy Bible, Luke 1:35, where the angel

speaks to the Virgin Mary and says:

The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you:

Therefore also that holy thing which shall be borne of you shall be called the Son of God.

The message of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When studying the Bible, it is amazing to realise that the book of Isaiah, which has been proved to have been written 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ, refers to the birth of Christ. Isaiah 9:6 states:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;

And the government shall be upon his shoulder;

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Those are descriptions of Jesus Christ. However, what is the real meaning of Christmas? What is the spiritual meaning of Christmas? Many passages in the Bible refer to Christmas and its meaning. The passage that sums up the meaning of Christmas in a way that we can understand is in II Corinthians 4:17-20. It states:

Therefore if any person be in Christ, they are a new creature; Old things are passed away; Behold, all things are become new.

And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

That is, that God was in Christ, Reconciling the world unto himself, Not imputing their trespasses unto them; And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, As though God did beseech you by us; We pray you in Christ’s stead, Be ye reconciled to God.

The simple meaning of Christmas is that God loved us so much. As stated in John 3:16:

For God so loved the world, That he gave his only begotten Son, That whosoever believes in him should not perish, But have everlasting life.

Therefore, Almighty God, the creator, in His love, came down to earth at Christmas time and was born in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. We call that the Virgin Birth. It is very important that these facts be retained in our Australian Christian society as the centre of Christmas. It is important to always uphold the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That is why Christians say:

The Messiah is the Son of God.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and those facts should be upheld and celebrated, as we do, with festivals such as Carols by Candlelight which are held in many suburbs. It has also become quite a cultural Christian event in that Carols by Candlelight is celebrated across Australia, from Bankstown to Perth, from Darwin to Hobart. Tens of thousands of people gather with their families to celebrate Christmas. I urge people to continue to support Carols by Candlelight. I pray that all will continue to do that and enjoy the festival of Christmas on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, 25 December. I pray that all of us have in our hearts repented of our sins and, through faith in Jesus Christ, will become a Christian, members of the family of Almighty God.

It is a very simple step to become a Christian. Some people think it is very difficult and very complicated. It is not. It is simply child-like faith in Jesus Christ as your living saviour, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. So, instead of saying, “Happy holiday,” let us this Christmas say, “Merry Christmas”—that people may enjoy Christmas as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, particularly with their families. Christmas is really a family festival, a time when families come together and renew their friendship and their family love. I pray that each one of those in this Parliament, in the upper House and the lower House, will enjoy this Christmas season, and that it may be a meaningful experience to everyone. God bless you.

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the Republic of Lebanon. In 2013 she was awarded the Repair the World award by the Hadassah Australia Incorporated and the People’s Health Medal for significant contribution to health development of Vietnam by the Ministry for Health. In June 2014 she was named as a Dame of the Order of Australia for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to the administration, public life and people of New South Wales, to medicine, particularly as an advocate for improved mental health outcomes for the young, marginalised and disadvantaged, to international relations through the promotion of collaborative health programs and as a leader in tertiary education.

As members have noted, Professor Bashir is married to Sir Nicholas Shehadie, AC, OBE. He and I have had many discussions about the years we spent as students at

the Cleveland Street High School. The Bashirs have two daughters, a son, and six grandchildren. Recently the Governor was involved in the service in Westminster Abbey to dedicate a stone in memory of Captain Arthur Phillip, the first Governor of New South Wales as “the founder of modern Australia”. On many occasions Professor Bashir has publicly lamented the enduring legacy of the mistreatment of Aborigines since Phillip established a colony at Sydney Cove in 1788, yet on this occasion she praised Phillip for his determination to ensure the fair treatment of Aboriginal people. That is one issue for which we acknowledge her service. In conclusion, I pray, like other members, in her retirement that she will experience good health and happiness and have many years of retirement in good health and strength.



The Real Monty and World War Two

FIELD-MARSHAL BERNARD LAW MONTGOMERY AND THE ANZACS

“Hello, Monty, glad to see you.” The governor of Gibraltar, Rusty Eastwood, held out his hand as the car door opened and a distinctive black beret became visible.

“Hello, Rusty. How are you?” A thin-faced man with a trim moustache stepped out of the car and was quickly ushered out of sight.

But not quite quickly enough. The governor’s visitor was seen by a Nazi spy who happened to be visiting the colonial secretary at that very moment. “Surely that cannot be Field-Marshal Montgomery?” the spy asked.

The colonial secretary looked embarrassed and tried to hide the fact the hero of El Alamein was in Gibraltar. It was supposed to be a secret Montgomery was not in the North African desert. This was 26 May 1944 as the invasion of Europe was about to begin. As soon as the spy left, he phoned Berlin.

Based on this military intelligence, the Nazis quickly diverted troops to repel the expected southern landing in the Mediterranean.

But it never happened.

The spy was taken in by one of the biggest hoaxes of the war. He hadn’t seen any top British general. Instead he’d been fooled by the Australian actor, Clifton James, impersonating Field-Marshal Montgomery. The allies did not want the Nazis to know they were planning to land

on the beaches of Normandy, so they devised an elaborate deception.

Like Clifton James, ‘Monty’ had an Australian upbringing. His father had been appointed Bishop of Tasmania in 1889 and Monty had spent over a decade there. Perhaps his time in Australia gave him a unique understanding of the Australian forces in the Middle East. He switched his Field Marshall’s cap for an Aussie slouch hat when he arrived in the desert, then to the black beret for which he became famous. “I have cancelled the plan for withdrawal,” he told his officers at their first meeting. “If we are attacked, then there will be no retreat. If we cannot stay here alive, then we will stay here dead.”

Like Joshua, who commanded the desert troops of Israel over three thousand years before, Monty knew the importance of being single-minded and whole-hearted. “Do not fear... be strong and courageous!” God had told Joshua.

Within a week of Monty’s arrival, the atmosphere of defeat changed to hope. The Second Battle of El Alamein became the first decisive major allied victory. At a time when high-ranking officers tended to issue orders from well behind the front lines, Monty’s personal appearances greatly heartened his troops.

He read two Bible chapters daily. One journalist wrote after El Alamein: “This was total war, waged with more

weight, power and concentration than the Nazi war machine ever had encountered and directed by a master of total war — a man who said his prayers in his desert tent night and morning and quoted the Bible to his troops to make them better fighters.”

Monty’s wife said in a booklet published in 1945: “I wonder how many of my readers have been brought up to learn a verse from the Bible every day? I was... and as a consequence know nearly all the Psalms and... New Testament by heart.

“And I brought my children up to learn a verse from the Bible every morning before breakfast.” It may be that Field Marshal Montgomery’s knowledge and love of the Bible starts from this fact. As is well known, the two books he carries with him are the Bible and Pilgrim’s Progress.

Let us pray that the Bible, God’s Word to us, may again take its rightful place in our hearts and homes! ... And the best way to do that is to begin...to learn a verse of the Bible by heart each day.’

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<http://www.chr.org.au/schools-content/8.-Field-Marshall-Montgomery>

Why the Australian Evangelical Church is Conflicted by the Same-Sex Marriage Argument

BY REV KARL FAASE

The discussion about same sex marriage has created tension across our community and within the Church. Much of the Christian community and especially the evangelical church has sought to take a stand which is seeking to maintain marriage as it is presently practiced and legislated. Parts of the Church have been significantly criticised for their position on this argument and yet the Church did not create the problem. It is seeking to respond to a move from the gay lobby to legalise & legitimise same sex marriage.

What is surprising is that there are many in the evangelical wing of the Christian Church in Australia who are taking the view that they should be silent on this issue and even to affirm and support the push to legalise same sex marriage. It is helpful to ask...why this has occurred? Why go silent? Why not take a biblical view of marriage? What is the problem here? This is a complex question and seeking to respond to it has the possibility of generalisations which are unhelpful. Yet there seems to be at least three themes that have created this tension.

The first is the focus of the Church, over the past twenty five years, on the love of God. This has morphed into a general focus on love as the highest and supreme virtue of the Christian Church and theology. In the past generation it could have been suggested that judgement and the fear of ‘eternal damnation’ was a key theme. As the Church saw the negative effect of that focus, there has been a shift to grace and love. The popularity and content of Phillip Yancey’s

book “What’s So Amazing About Grace” is illustrative of this movement. For many the focus on love & grace seems in conflict to the judgement of God. God is love and extends grace and acceptance to all people. Into this new theological focus came the gay lobby talking of the love of their relationships. They refuse to accept any redefinition of love. Their love has the same value and standing as any other love and should not be judged by the object or physical expression of that love. Those sectors of the Church who have focused on love have been caught out. They feel like they are denying love, the very heart of their theology and message. If they were to reject someone’s “love”, it would be a greater sin than the physical expression of same sex attraction.

Secondly, the Church across Australia has for a generation grown in its commitment to and focus on justice. This has been a strong, positive and affirming move of the Church. No longer would the Church just focus on a private staircase to heaven but rather recognise God calls each of us to be people committed to justice here on earth. This is the heart of God for the poor and powerless in our local and global community. The key activity of the Church, in following the teachings of Jesus, is to stand for justice. The greatest sin would be to condone injustice.

The gay lobby use the term “marriage equality” for their push for recognition of same sex marriage. They make it clear that they believe anyone seeking to stand against them is being unjust and discriminatory. Supporters believe justice

is being denied to them and, as with the problem of love above all else, the Church is caught out yet again. To be charged with lacking justice is the worst accusation that can be made. When sexual ethics are reframed as a justice issue rather than a moral issue, we are in trouble.

Finally, there is the problem of seeking to be contemporary. Leaders of local churches and denominations are very aware of being referred to as out of date or out of touch. In music, communication, arts and style, the Church is striving to be contemporary. Into this set of values is the accusation of “being on the wrong side of history”. This touches a third raw nerve of being out of step with the community. Image being left behind like the Church has been in the past! The fear is of being unpopular and out of touch in our community.

This concern about being out of touch and unpopular is a little more nuanced. It seems that it’s actually about which issues you are unpopular on. In the past couple of months Christian leaders have been having “pray ins” at the offices of Federal Government members to draw the communities attention to issues such as children being held in detention centres and the decisions made by the Abbott Government on asylum seekers. The last election and opinion polls have demonstrated that the majority of Australians are, rightly or wrongly, comfortable with the government’s position and approach. This doesn’t mean that these leaders should not protest as is their right. It is instructive though that they are comfortable with being unpopular with the Abbott Government and perhaps

the majority of the community on the asylum seeker debate but are not willing to be unpopular in the debate on same sex marriage. It can only be concluded then that being unpopular is not the problem. It is which section of the community you are unpopular with.

At the recent conference featuring US scholar Miroslav Volf, Christian leaders were encouraged to be winsome in their public statements and interaction in the public space. By inference this conference seemed to be suggesting that standing against same sex marriage was not being winsome but in fact being unhelpful for the Church and the Gospel in Australia. Yet within days of the end of the conference, leaders were arrested at the “pray in” at Scott Morrison’s office. That is hardly the epitome of winsome behaviour! To be clear I would congratulate them for this action and would defend their right to do this. Church leaders commenting on their actions were positive and affirming of this behaviour, yet they criticise a stance against same sex marriage. I wonder how they would respond to a group of Christians having a “pray in” at the offices of a gay marriage lobbyist. Would they be congratulated there as well?

These issues will not go away quickly and the Church leadership in Australia has to decide if they are willing to stand up for clear Biblical values that enable and enhance people flourishing in public debate. Perhaps the Church is more concerned to be seen as loving, providing perceived justice and only making a public stance on some issues, not all issues, so that they maintain popularity with a specific sector of the community.



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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/parlament/members.nsf/V3ListCurrentLCMembers> for Members' details

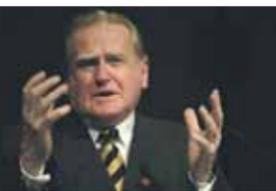
CDP BILLS

The following is a sample of some of the legislation CDP plan 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 - passed 2014
21. Crimes Amendment (Provocation) Bill 2014 - passed 2014

FRED NILE'S PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE



Media Releases:

- Rev Fred Nile questions NSW Anti-Discrimination Board charges against non NSW residents
- Rev Fred Nile concerned regarding over-development at Cronulla CBD and related areas.
- Rev Fred Nile demands accurate details on the impact of coal seam gas mining on property values
- Rev Fred Nile supports justice, mercy and compassion in new Bill Commemoration of the 1917 Australian Light Horse Charge at Beersheba on 31 October 1917
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports mine safety
- Rev Fred Nile demands action against Islamic State threats and attacks.
- Rev Fred Nile supports skilled regional relocation incentive
- Rev Fred Nile's urgent call for transparency on Aboriginal Land Claims
- Rev Fred Nile call s for urgent action to close brothels in NSW
- Rev Fred Nile confirms Australia as a Christian Nation
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports the Bowraville child murder investigation
- Rev Fred Nile questions availability of vocational training
- Rev Fred Nile supports NSW farmers call for justice and fairness over land clearing
- Rev Fred Nile calls for public schools to support Remembrance Day Services
- Rev Fred Nile calls for strong government action to eradicate drug abuse
- Rev Fred Nile calls for urgent review of wind farms legislation
- Rev Fred Nile supports a strong TAFE for students
- Rev Fred Nile supports improved opportunities for aboriginal communities to develop their economic base
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- Rev Fred Nile supports strong new planning laws
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- Rev Fred Nile supports NSW Aboriginal natural gas industry
- Rev Fred Nile supports new video rape evidence in court
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- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports NSW Crimes Commission in its fight against organised crime
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- Rev Fred Nile celebrates the message of Christmas - Jesus Christ - is the reason for the season
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- Rev Fred Nile calls for action against ISIS graffiti
- Rev Fred Nile calls for mandatory minimum sentences for infant child abuse
- Rev Fred Nile expresses concern over future of Royal North Shore Hospital
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- Rev Fred Nile questions over development in Cronulla

Questions Without Notice:

- Rev Fred Nile supports Presiding Officers Bill
- Rev Fred Nile calls for urgent Coalition Party vote on Zoe's Bill No2
- Rev Fred Nile commends NSW Police Force Anti-Terrorism proactive policy
- Rev Fred Nile questions NSW Anti-Discrimination Board charges against non NSW residents
- Rev Fred Nile demands action against Islamic State threats and attacks.
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Speeches:

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- Rev Fred Nile calls for support for Scripture Classes in Government Schools
- Rev Fred Nile calls for support for his Bill to ban smoking in cars without children
- Rev Fred Nile supports Presiding Officers Bill
- Rev Fred Nile supports new Multi-Cultural Bill for social cohesion
- Rev Fred Nile supports the protection of tax payers funds for educational purposes
- Rev Fred Nile supports justice, mercy and compassion in new Bill
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports mine safety

- Rev Fred Nile supports skilled regional relocation incentive
- Rev Fred Nile confirms Australia as a Christian Nation
- Rev Fred Nile strongly supports the Bowraville child murder investigation
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2014 Committees:

- General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 - Chairman Fred Nile
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- Procedure Committee - Fred Nile
- ICAC Committee - Fred Nile
- Bullying Inquiry - Chairman Fred Nile
- Gambling Inquiry - Chairman Fred Nile
- Newcastle Planning Inquiry - Chairman Fred Nile
- Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation - Chairman Fred Nile
- Child Sexual Offences Committee - Fred Nile
- Staysafe (Road Safety Committee) - Fred Nile
- 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
- Member, Select Committee on social, public and affordable housing - Chairman Paul Green
- Member, Select Committee on home schooling - Chairman Paul Green

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