

FAMILY FIRST (NSW)

OUR CORE VALUES STATEMENT

The Right to Life

At Family First we believe that the most fundamental human right is the right to life. We believe that it is a primary responsibility of government to defend human life by protecting the unborn, the aged and the vulnerable from those forces which promote abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment.

We believe that children, including the unborn, are a precious gift and that in a civilised society their care and protection is paramount. We believe that parents need to be honoured and supported in their critical role of nurturing and raising the next generation.

We believe that suffering from disease should be relieved by appropriate palliative care and not by the medical inducement of death. We believe that each ill person should know that they are loved and that their life matters to their family and to society. They may be old, and they may be sick, but they are still wanted.

The Dignity of Work and the Common Good

We believe in the inherent dignity of work, in individual initiative and self-reliance. We work with Governments to ensure optimum conditions in the national economy to create high employment rates, good conditions for employers and employees, and promote government supported employment training and deployment programs when required.

We believe in a commitment to the “Common Good”; that it is every citizen’s responsibility to contribute to the overall wellbeing of the community.

The Role of Government

We believe in using the instruments of government, including a fair and equitable tax system, to improve the health, education, security and opportunities available to all and not to serve private and commercial interests.

We endeavour to call governments to a higher standard by pointing to flaws in public policy which diminish the dignity of people and erode our national values. We believe that our Judeo-Christian heritage is a gift to our nation and provides both

insight and a foundation for our leaders to govern with wisdom, compassion and justice.

Liberty and Freedom

We believe in the foundational principles of “Liberty”, these fundamental freedoms include the right of the individual to act according to his or her own conscience; freedom of association; freedom of belief; freedom of expression; freedom of the press; the right to due process; the right to a trial; the right to own property; the right to privacy and the right to life.

We believe that the liberty of every nation requires orderly immigration, border protection, adequate defence against external aggression, and an internal police force to uphold the law, to protect citizens and to detain those who threaten peace and civil order.

Social and Environmental Justice

We believe in a fair, equal and just society based on the concepts of human rights and equality. We are committed to social inclusion for all peoples of all races, languages, religions, classes, abilities and cultural backgrounds. We believe that the goods of society are shared equitably.

We are committed to the care and protection of the natural world in which we live, believing it to be a gift for the benefit of all humanity.

With these core values we can work with like minded people whatever their race, religion, or social standing. With these essentials we have unity.

In nonessential matters we have liberty of opinion and in all things we seek to act and think with charity.

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