

# Progressive Atheists Inc.

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Victorian State Election Candidate Survey - November 2014

## Candidate Comments - Question 3

**Question 3. Abortion Laws:** are you in favour of maintaining the law that ensures that a doctor with a conscientious objection to abortion nevertheless must refer the women to a doctor without such an objection?

**Animal Justice Party | Southern Metropolitan Region | WALSHE, Nyree**

Conscientious objection requires no participation in the deed at any level so it is not appropriate to ask doctors with such an objection to refer patients directly to an abortionist. However they should have no problem referring patients to Family Planning Clinics which offer a range of services.

**Australian Christians | Yuroke District | HIRMIZ, Imad**

We have two separate issues here. First the conscientious objection which we should support and maintain. But in terms of referral, referring to a doctor without conscientious objection, I believe it is not the task of the objecting doctor to find and refer the patient to another doctor that has different or contradicted views. Therefore, I support the first part but not sure of the second part, referral. Thanks

**Australian Country Alliance | Murray Plains District | WINN, Bryon**

Abstain from voting

**Australian Country Alliance | Ripon District | DOMASCHENZ, Trevor**

Abortion laws. It is up to the woman involved, especially rape.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Cranbourne District | PERERA, Jude**

ALP Response: Conscience issue.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Prahran District | PHARAOH, Neil**

I believe strongly in reproductive choice for women, and am proudly pro-choice. I am in favor of strengthening the current laws to further enable women's reproductive choices, including removing the right of Doctors to conscientiously object if the treatment is medically necessary, and it goes without saying I would not support any removals of requirements to refer women in non-medical circumstances.

**Independent | Bayswater District | CARBONARI, John**

Domestic directions are for pacifism.

**Independent | Pascoe Vale District | TIMPANO, Francesco**

The information provided is inadequate to make a yes/no response or I am yet to adopt a firm position on the issue and am undertaking further study/research and analysis before deciding.

**Independent | Williamstown District | WEHBE, Khalil**

Abortion only will be accept when urgent needed health/life risk for the woman.