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Social Issues deciding factor in Election

"The outcome of the election is likely to be decided by who delivers on social issues," according to Mrs Josephine Reeves, President of Voice For Life.

Electioneering on topics such as foreign affairs, nuclear energy and GM foods, may grab the headlines, but it is the voting record of each political party on social issues that is under most scrutiny.

Voice For Life, along with a number of other organisations, has reviewed the voting record of current MPs, along with the voting trends of their Parties, and is making this information widely available. The reaction has been significant, from members, the general public and from some MPs themselves.

Most are astonished at the strong polarity of some Parties, despite these issues being presented as conscience issues, for individual MPs. In contrast to what might be expected, each Party clearly reflects a collective view, which is likely to strongly influence voters when it comes to casting their Party vote.

Information on MPs and Party voting records on five life-related and social issues is freely available from the Voice For Life website, www.voiceforlife.org.nz

According to Mrs Reeves, "In this election, everyone wants the Party Vote. We are asking people to make sure they know exactly who they want to lead the next government, and why."

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Vision: A nation which is safe for all its peoples, from conception to natural death