

PROLIFE FACTS

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The majority of MPs voted against an amendment which would have required doctors and nurses to care for such babies – instead they may now be left to die. They also voted against pain relief for babies being killed in late-term abortions. The conscience clause protecting doctors and nurses who don't wish to be involved in abortions, has been effectively removed.

Partial-birth abortions are permitted up to birth. The procedure is so grisly that it has been banned by the Supreme Court in the United States. Before the Act was passed, late-term abortions in Victoria were steadily increasing, but now they have risen by 600%.

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