



CHERISH LIFE QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE – Saturday, 15 June, 2019

- 8.30am *Registration*
- 9.00am Welcome by Dr Donna Purcell, President, Cherish Life Qld
- 9.10am Professor Margaret Somerville – *The Ethical & Legal Challenge of Doctor-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*
- 9.55am Dr John Daffy – *No Safeguards Against Wrongful Death: The Flaws in the Victorian Euthanasia Law and the State Apparatus of Assisted Killing*
- 10.35-11.00am *Morning tea*
- 11.00am Professor Somerville – *The Slippery Slope of the Culture of Death: The Global Experience*
- 11.40am Dr Daffy – *War Stories and Lessons Learned: The Defeat in Victoria and the Victory in Canberra*
- 12.15pm Q&A Panel with Professor Somerville & Dr Daffy
- 12:45-1:45pm *Lunch break (sausage sizzle lunch included)*
- 1.45pm Panel on Palliative Care – Dr Judith McEniery, Dr David van Gend & Kerri-Anne Dooley
- 2.30pm Teeshan Johnson, Executive Director, Cherish Life – *(i) Queensland’s abortion laws and what we can do to help save lives in Queensland. (ii) How our successful national pro-life “Put Labor Last” federal election campaign helped to prevent a nationwide taxpayer-funded, extreme abortion regime.*
- 3.10pm *Afternoon tea*
- 3.40pm Dr Christian Rowan MP – *The Politics of Stopping the Legalisation of Euthanasia and Reforming Queensland’s Abortion Law.*
- 4.00pm Panel on Abortion – Dr Donna Purcell, Dr Christian Rowan and Luchi Miranda (pregnancy counsellor)
- 4.45 pm Closing remarks
- 5.00pm Conference concludes

Keynote Speaker & Panellist bios

Professor Margaret Somerville

Is Samuel Gale Professor of Law Emerita, Professor Emerita in the Faculty of Medicine, and Founding Director of the Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law Emerita at McGill University, Montreal.

Currently, she is Professor of Bioethics at the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine (Sydney campus) She has an extensive national and international publishing and speaking record and frequently comments in all forms of media. Her books include *The Ethical Canary: Science, Society and the Human Spirit* (Penguin 2000); *The Ethical Imagination: Journeys of the Human Spirit* (Anansi 2006; CBC 2006 Massey Lectures) and *Bird on an Ethics Wire: Battles about values in the culture wars* (MQUP 2015). Among her many honours and awards are the Order of Australia, Fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada, eight honorary doctorates, and the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science.

Dr John Daffy

Dr John Daffy is an infectious diseases and general physician who is Director of Infectious Diseases at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. He has a longstanding interest in how doctors think and why medical errors occur. He is married with three young daughters 12, 9 and 6. John grew up on a dairy farm in south west Victoria and is a keen horse racing fan with his father Geoff being a well know trainer in Camperdown Victoria.

Dr Judith McEniery

MBBS, DCH, Grad Cert (Pall Care), FACHPM

After working in Paediatrics and General Practice, Judith serendipitously discovered Palliative Care in the early 1990's. After almost 20 years with Ipswich Palliative Care, Judith moved to Wesley Hospital Palliative Care Service, and then to filling locum Staff Specialist positions in Queensland and NSW.

Judith is passionate about seamless transitions between community and inpatient care, and has a special interest in caring for MND patients. Relaxation and renewal come from classical music, reading, oil painting and time at Lamington National Park. A wonderful soul-mate husband and three young adult children give fullness to life!

Dr David van Gend

David is a doctor in Toowoomba and a palliative care lecturer. He undertook postgraduate training in palliative medicine at Brisbane's Mt Olivet hospice and the University of Melbourne. He now serves on the medical advisory committee of the Toowoomba Hospice and the Queensland Health Working Group for Paediatric Palliative Care. He is a Senior Lecturer in palliative medicine and has produced an interactive programme ("A Doctor's Bag for the Dying") for Rural and Remote Medical Education Online.

Since 1994 David has been Queensland secretary for the *World Federation of Doctors who Respect Human Life*, an international association of doctors defending the traditional Western medical ethic. He has often spoken publicly and in media in the bioethics space.

Dr Christian Rowan

Dr Christian Rowan is the LNP Member for Moggill in the Queensland Parliament. He is the Shadow Minister for Communities, Shadow Minister for Disability Services and Seniors, Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Shadow Minister for the Arts. Christian is a former Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage Protection and he is a former Shadow Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef.

Christian is a Specialist Physician. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Chapter of Addiction Medicine, the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators, the

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

He is also a member of the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Christian completed his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree at the University of Queensland.

Christian holds a number of clinical and administrative fellowships as well as a Master of Diplomacy and Trade from Monash University specialising in international relations, trade, contemporary politics and public policy.

Christian is a former President of both the Australian Medical Association of Queensland and the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland. Christian was previously a member of the Queensland Mental Health Commission's (QMHC) Mental Health & Drug Advisory Council.

Christian is an Honorary Patron and Chair of The School of Hard Knocks Council, Queensland. He is also an Honorary Ambassador for Diabetes Queensland. He is a former Ambassador and current General Member of Anglican Overseas Aid.

Christian and his wife Jane have four children.