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# **FAMILY FIRST ANALYSIS OF SENATE CLONING VOTE**

FAMILY FIRST has analysed how Senators voted on cloning human embryos, based on the third reading vote of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006*.

The bill was passed by just one vote, reflecting deep divisions in the community about cloning embryos.

The analysis (attached) breaks down the Senate yes and no votes by party and state. The official vote in the Senate Hansard records 34 ayes and 32 noes. But this did not include informal paired votes, which were not recorded because it was a conscience vote. FAMILY FIRST has recorded the informal paired votes.

Two thirds of Coalition Senators voted against the bill, while two thirds of Labor Senators voted in favour of cloning.

There were stark differences within the parties state by state, with 60 per cent of NSW Labor Senators voting against the bill compared to every Labor Senator from Victoria voting for the bill.

Half the Liberal Senators in SA and WA voted for the bill, while 75 per cent of Liberals in NSW and more than 80 per cent in Tasmania voted against. NSW, Queensland and Tasmania were the strongest states opposing cloning, each recording 7 votes against, while SA was the strongest pro-cloning state with 8 votes.

The analysis also shows divisions in the National Party vote, with NSW Nationals Senator Fiona Nash pairing to vote for cloning. Senator Nash was the only Nationals Senator to vote in favour of cloning.

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## Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006

Senate, Third Reading Division, 7 November 2006

### Analysis of YES votes by state and party affiliation

The official vote in the Senate Hansard was 34 ayes and 32 noes. This vote did not include informal paired votes, which were not recorded because it was a conscience vote. The informal paired votes are recorded in this analysis with an asterix\*

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA		
<b>ALP</b>	Lundy	Campbell, G* Faulkner	Crossin	McLucas Moore	Kirk McEwen Wong Wortley	Brown, C O'Brien Sherry	Carr Conroy* Marshall Ray	Evans Webber		
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	1		2	1	2	4	3	4	2	19
No of ALP senators	1		5	1	4	5	4	4	4	28
% of ALP senators voted yes	100%		40%	100%	50%	80%	75%	100%	50%	68%

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA		
<b>Liberal</b>		Payne		Macdonald, I* Trood	Ferguson Ferris Vanstone	Colbeck	Patterson Troeth	Adams Campbell, I* Johnston		
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	0		1	0	2	3	1	2	3	12
No of Liberal Senators	1		4	0	5	6	6	6	6	34
% of Lib Senators voted yes	0%		25%	0%	40%	50%	17%	33%	50%	35%



## Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006

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### Analysis of NO votes by state and party affiliation

The official vote in the Senate Hansard was 34 ayes and 32 noes. This vote did not include informal paired votes, which were not recorded because it was a conscience vote. The informal paired votes are recorded in this analysis with an asterix\*

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA		
<b>ALP</b>		Forshaw* Hutchins Stephens		Hogg Ludwig	Hurley	Polley		Bishop Sterle		
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	9	
No of ALP senators	1	5	1	4	5	4	4	4	28	
% of ALP senators who voted no	0%	60%	0%	50%	20%	25%	0%	50%	32%	

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA		
<b>Liberal</b>	Humphries	Coonan* Fierravanti-Wells Heffernan		Brandis* Mason* Santoro	Bernardi Chapman Minchin	Abetz Barnett Calvert Parry Watson	Fifield Kemp McGauran Ronaldson	Eggleston Ellison Lightfoot		
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	1	3	0	3	3	5	4	3	22	
No of Liberal Senators	1	4	0	5	6	6	6	6	34	
% of Lib Senators who voted no	100%	75%	0%	60%	50%	83%	67%	50%	65%	

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	
<b>Nationals</b>		Macdonald, Scullion		Boswell Joyce					
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>
	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
No. of Nationals Senators	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
% of Nats Senators who voted no	0%	50%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	
<b>Coalition</b>									
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>
	1	4	1	5	3	5	4	3	26
No. of Coalition Senators	1	6	1	7	6	6	6	6	39
% of Coalition who voted no	100%	67%	100%	71%	50%	83%	67%	50%	67%

	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	
<b>Minor parties</b>						Milne*	Fielding		
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
No. of minor party senators	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	9
% of minor party who voted no	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	22%

<b>Total</b>	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>Total Qld</b>	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>Total Tas</b>	<b>Total Vic</b>	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>Total</b>
All no votes	1	7	1	7	4	7	5	5	37
Number of Senators	2	12	2	12	12	12	12	12	76
% of all Senators who voted no	50%	58%	50%	58%	33%	58%	42%	42%	49%

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