

## LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH

### Position:

- FAMILY FIRST understands that private health insurance has become an essential service for many Australian families. They want access to quality hospitals at affordable prices and private health cover is the only option;
- FAMILY FIRST believes the Government is partly to blame for this situation. It has forced many Australians into private health insurance by offering discounts on cover and punishing families with higher fees if they sign up later on;
- FAMILY FIRST voted against the sale of Medibank Private. FAMILY FIRST believes families would be worse off if Medibank Private is sold as its sole focus would then be profits for shareholders, rather than services for members. It would also lead to higher fees. There is already competition between health insurance funds and the government's argument that selling Medibank Private will put downward pressure on premiums is nonsense;
- FAMILY FIRST believes the best way to ensure health insurance is provided at affordable prices is for the government to be a player in the sector to keep everyone honest.

### Actions:

- FAMILY FIRST has been running a national, grassroots campaign to pressure the Government to abandon its plan to sell Medibank Private. This includes distributing "Hands off Medibank Private" bumper stickers.