

SIZE OF GOVERNMENT

Family First believes that Government should be as small as possible but must not neglect fundamental social justice responsibilities. Further, the level at which decisions are made and administration is carried out should be as close to the level in society at which the impact of those decisions are felt.

Family First supports a careful analytical watch on the size of Government. However Family First also recognises that there are core areas of business for Government such as defence and foreign affairs, policing, security, health, education etc.

Economic management is also a core responsibility of governments as is ensuring a basic level of social security is guaranteed to citizens.

Provision of Health and Education services, for example, are important areas where Government has played an important role to provide important social security guarantees and also to build our population's economic and social capacity for the common good.

It should always be born in mind that Government has a duty to protect all its citizens from exploitation and injustice.

Family First believes that greater innovations and pursuit of partnership between private and public sectors may serve as a productive model for more successful management of the various social and economic problems of our day. Specifically, Family First believes that Government delivery of health services and the universality of Medicare are in the best interests of the nation.

Government has a clear role in provision of educational choice and also in the protection of minimum wages and conditions for example.

Family First believes that parents have primary responsibility for the care and education of their children and no Government ought to normally usurp this authority.

Family First believes that the economic independence, freedom and capacity of families should be enhanced as strong and stable family life will be the driver of a successful Australia into the 21st century.