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From Wilderness and Back – the Fall of the CDP

FamilyVoice Australia is saddened by the winding up of a political party that advocated for family, freedom and faith nationally but in particular NSW under the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC.

“As a former Federal and State Director of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), I was witness to the many achievements CDP had notched up in its 41 years of parliamentary representation,” said Greg Bondar FamilyVoice Australia spokesman.

In 1977 the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), the then only truly Christian political party in Australia, was founded under the name Call to Australia Party by a group of Christian ministers in New South Wales, who had Fred Nile (one of the co-founders), a Congregational Church minister, run as their upper house candidate in the NSW State election. This group had sought to mobilise conservative and evangelical Protestants as an electoral force.

Today, the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), has been wound up by the court due to longstanding and protracted legal challenges over governance issues.

The CDP's platform has always espoused ‘social conservatism’. It was primarily active in New South Wales, and since the 1981 NSW state election has had at least one member in that state's Legislative Council, often holding or sharing the balance of power.

There is a real need for conservative voices in all parliaments but particularly in NSW which has seen the constant proliferation of anti-Christian and anti-life bills emerging by those that claim to be inclusive.

“Whilst Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC continues to serve the people of NSW until the state election on 25 March 2023, the CDP as a party will not. It is understood that a new party is being formed under the leadership of Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC,” added Greg Bondar.

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