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THE SENATE

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**Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia  
Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**

**No.     , 2008**

*(Senator Brown)*

**A Bill for an Act to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act  
1997*, and for related purposes**



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1     **A Bill for an Act to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act***  
2     ***1997, and for related purposes***

3     The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4     **1 Short title**

5                     This Act may be cited as the *Rights of the Terminally Ill*  
6                     *(Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Act 2008*.

7     **2 Commencement**

8                     This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal  
9                     Assent.

10    **3 Object of Act**

11                    The object of this Act is, in recognising the rights of the people of  
12                    the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and  
13                    Norfolk Island to make laws for the peace, order and good  
14                    government of their territories, including the right to legislate for  
15                    the terminally ill, to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* which  
16                    removed that right.

1     **4 Schedule(s)**

2                   Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or  
3                   repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule  
4                   concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect  
5                   according to its terms.

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# Schedule 1—Repeal of Euthanasia Laws Act 1997

## 1 The whole of the Act

Repeal the Act.

## 2 Application

To avoid doubt, the enactment of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory called the *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995* has the same effect after the commencement of this Act as it had before the commencement of the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*.