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## **Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015**

**No.     , 2015**

*(Senator Leyonhjelm)*

**A Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to  
the territories, and for other purposes**



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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

## **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Act 2015*.

## **2 Commencement**

<b>Commencement information</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
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this Act not elsewhere covered by this table		
2. Schedule 1	The 28th day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

### 3 Objects

The objects of this Act are:

- (a) to reduce Commonwealth interference with the laws of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory; and
- (b) to facilitate competitive federalism in law-making; and
- (c) to recognise the right of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory to legislate for assisted suicide within their jurisdictions; and
- (d) to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* the enactment of which was inimical to the objects stated in paragraphs (a) to (c).

### 4 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

## **Schedule 1—Amendments**

### **Part 1—Amendments**

#### *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*

##### **1 Subsections 23(1A) and (1B)**

Repeal the subsections.

#### *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*

##### **2 Section 50A**

Repeal the section.

## **Part 2—Repeal of the Euthanasia Laws Act 1997**

### ***Euthanasia Laws Act 1997***

#### **3 The whole of the Act**

Repeal the Act.



## **Part 3—Application**

### **4 Application**

- (1) Despite the amendments made by this Schedule, the *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act* of the Northern Territory:
  - (a) continues to have effect as a law of the Territory in relation to any act or thing that was done before 27 March 1997; but
  - (b) has no force or effect as a law of the Territory in relation to any act or thing done on or after that day.
- (2) Subitem (1) applies subject to a contrary intention in a law of the Northern Territory that is enacted after the commencement of this item.