Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015

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(Senator Leyonhjelm)

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

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

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Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.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