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THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY

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Member for Sanderson, Peter Styles, says he will support any move for residents of the Northern Territory to have control of their own legislation.

Mr Styles said if attempts to remove the Commonwealth’s block on the Territory’s Rights of the Terminally Ill Act are successful, he hopes he will one day see similar legislation introduced into the Northern Territory Parliament and across the country.

“This is an issue that reaches into areas of State and Territory rights, patient rights and personal choice,” Mr Styles said.

“I have a great deal of respect for those people who oppose voluntary euthanasia, and I know they have a similar respect for the views that I hold.

“First and foremost, it’s about patients having the right to determine the type and nature of the care they receive from the point of diagnosis to their death.

“As long as the proper safeguards, checks and balances are in place – as they were in the previous legislation – then those who wish, have choices that allow them to die in a dignified manner.

“My hope into the future is that the Territory can achieve the same rights of other jurisdictions which are currently considering Rights of the Terminally Ill legislation.

“Territorians, like all other Australian citizens, if they choose, should have the right to influence and ultimately determine the type of care they receive from diagnosis to death.”

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