

As a member of several pro self-government groups before 1989 I express concern about the current ACT government's objections to any control by a Commonwealth parliament.

I remember a Federal Government's social laboratory attempts years ago prior to ACT self-government and fear with the Greens' concept of a Brave New World we will face the same challenges again. Gay marriage and euthanasia simply are Trojan Horses, precursors to much more and currently unknown "progressive" legislation in what already is a nanny territory.

Whether or not we have the members capable of assuming the extra and considerable responsibilities of full self-government and of resisting temptation at 17 persons the Assembly is too few in number. Further, with fixed four year terms great damage, perhaps irrevocable, can be done over such a long period.

Sadly, as a supporter of ACT self-government I believe we need a considerable think about handing over total control without checks and balances. This could be achieved by the parliament deciding an issue rather than a minister and thus providing the opportunity for the matter to be publicly debated and avoiding the suspicion of ministerial whim making the decision.

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