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This is to express my opposition to the subject Private Members' Bill, sponsored by Senator Bob Brown.

Given the known policy positions of the Greens, this Bill is obviously intended to open the way for Homosexual Civil Unions that mimic marriage, and Euthanasia, to be legalized in the Territories. It could further be used to introduce other extreme measures as proposed by the Greens and other groups.

This is being done on the basis of removing discrimination against the Territories. However, if my judgment above is correct, it would introduce massive discrimination against all who value and are committed to marriage as currently defined in the Marriage Act. To put marriage on the same level as homosexual relationships is totally unjustifiable. Just because such relationships involve some kinds of sexual involvement, how does this make them more "loving" or otherwise eligible to be called "marriages" than the multitude of other intimate and loving relationships that exist between Australians, for example carers? This is nothing more than a special interest minority seeking to impose its interests for its own advantage, at the expense and disadvantage of the whole community. That flies in the face of the very purpose of democratic government.

Similarly euthanasia is a special interest, minority push that would pose an unconscionable threat to all frail or disabled citizens. These people make up a large and growing percentage of our ageing population. It would virtually open the way for Hitler's style of "purifying the race" by eliminating the weak. It could also create a sinister option for dealing with the economic demands of some social security obligations.