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My submission of 8 March contained some minor though significant errors, particularly the misspelling of ACT Chief Minister Stanhope's Christian name, Jon. There is also an important word change in the last line of my submission. If it is not too late, would you kindly replace the original with the one below. I would also appreciate your confirmation if these corrections have been made and will appear in my submission for future records.

With thanks, yours sincerely, Peter Phillips

Based on the consistent political behaviour of Senator Bob Brown and his Greens Party, there are glaring ulterior motives which any clear-thinking, well-informed citizen would be able to see in the senator's AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) AMENDMENT (DISALLOWANCE AND AMENDMENT POWER OF THE COMMONWEALTH) BILL 2010.

It is not merely about granting autonomous powers to the territories by removing the ability of Federal Government Executive to recommend to the Governor General an action to strike down any bill passed by the ACT legislature. Even the ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, has declared the bill's success would precipitate new same-sex and euthanasia bills. Reinforcing this acknowledgment is the public admission by the Federal Treasurer, Wayne Swan, that our concerns about Senator Brown's bill being about same-sex unions are 'entirely legitimate'.

All the juggling and manipulating of existing federal legislation by Bob Brown will not hide or diminish his subtle, deceptive motives in proposing a bill that would undoubtedly lead to other bills assuring further decline in the moral and ethical fibre of our society. Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, was wise in her latest move to back down from supporting him and would do Australia a big favour if she doesn't change her mind again.

We've had more than enough playing around with and dissecting legislation related to the Rights of Territories. Mr Brown's dishonestly motivated bill should be consigned to the dustbin of history where it belongs.

Peter Phillips