

Senate Committee On

***Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010***

**ATTENTION: PLEASE REJECT THIS BILL**

I Anthony Robert Batchelder would like to register my opposition to the Private Members' Bill, sponsored by Senator Bob Brown called the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010*.

Such a bill could be used to bring in Euthanasia and Homosexual Civil Unions that will mimic marriage, both of which I reject.

I request that this bill be rejected for the following reasons:

- The debate on this Bill has not been given sufficient public time for considered understanding
- This change introduces the possibility of Euthanasia and Homosexual Civil Unions by stealth
- Homosexual Civil Unions disrupt the right of children to both a father and a mother
- Homosexual Civil Unions intrinsically devalue one of the sexes – the mutuality of the sexes is enhanced in heterosexual marriage
- Heterosexual marriage has been shown to be the best institution for raising healthy and contributing society members
- Euthanasia devalues human life, putting pressure on the vulnerable to 'do the right thing' so they are not an inconvenience
- Euthanasia cannot be made safe – it will result in manipulation and the loss of life for convenience or worse
- As a society we are much better to promote quality palliative care for the infirm rather than Euthanasia
- This bill is not in the best interests of our Nation or the families, old people and the children of our nation.
- Thank you for your interest in governing our Nation well