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Committee Secretary Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

Inquiry into Rights of the Terminally III (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008: Questions on notice

Thank you for providing the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law with the opportunity to appear before the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

At the hearing, Senator Bob Brown asked us to provide the Committee with a suggestion of how the Bill in question could be amended to address its current uncertainties. Please find this information attached.

Please contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Schedule 1—Amendment of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978

1 Section 50A

Repeal the section.

2 Application

For the avoidance of doubt, this Act does not have the effect of returning the enactment of the Legislative Assembly called the *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995* to legislative force.

Schedule 2—Amendment of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988

1 Subsection 23(1A)

Repeal the subsection.

2 Subsection 23(1B)

Repeal the subsection.

Schedule 3—Amendment of the Norfolk Island Act 1979

1 Paragraph 19(2)(d)

Repeal the paragraph.

2 Subsection 19(2A)

Repeal the subsection.