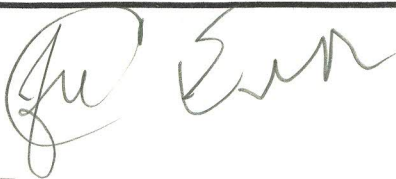


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EUTHANASIA FIGHT CONTINUES

Member for MacDonnell, Neil Bell, today called for an undertaking from the new Chief Minister and the Minister for Health and Community Services, that the commencement of the Euthanasia Bill would be deferred until adequate palliative care services are available in the Northern Territory.

"I am concerned that the government's proposed 'public education and awareness campaign' on Euthanasia should proceed before Territorians have the options in palliative care that are available to other Australians", Mr Bell said.

"This legislation was gunned through the parliament with its chief proponent admitting that if there were to be any delays, it would not have a chance of succeeding.

"Are we going to see them implement the legislation with the same degree of haste?

"I am concerned that the new Chief Minister and his Deputy appear from newspaper reports to believe that the complex policy issues surrounding the Euthanasia Bill are resolved.

"Nothing could be further from the truth.

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