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# **COALITION AGAINST EUTHANASIA**



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## **LACK OF CONSCIENCE VOTE NOT JUSTIFIED**

On the evening of 28th November the Coalition Against Euthanasia NT met with **Mr Tony Burke** a NSW Lawyer and the **President of the Euthanasia No Society of NSW**, the principle anti-euthanasia group in that State.

Mr Burke has been invited to the NT by the coalition to meet our politicians and other identities to fact find for the campaign in NSW and to help coordinate the next stage of activity against the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act in the NT.

**The Coalition is resolved to actively oppose the Chief Minister's decision not to allow a conscience vote on the proposed amendments to the Act.**

We do not believe that such an action on Shane Stone's part can be justified and he should be made accountable. Mr Stone's decision assumes that the amendments proposed are acceptable and correct this defective legislation's problems which manifestly they do not. Under these circumstances anything other than a conscience vote is not appropriate.

The Coalition Against Euthanasia NT will conduct a campaign over the next few months to establish a conscience vote on the amendments to the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act. Such a vote is essential to enable the inadequacies of the Act to be addressed.

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