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### **Euthanasia is murder: Presbyterian Church**

The Presbyterian Church of Australia has called on Federal Members of Parliament to oppose the euthanasia bill soon to be considered by the Government.

The Church's Moderator General, Rt Rev David Jones, has personally written to each Member asking them to oppose Senator Brown's *Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010*.

"The Presbyterian Church of Australia is fundamentally opposed to the legalisation of euthanasia," he said.

"We understand euthanasia to be the taking of the life of one human being by another—albeit with the best of intentions. While we fully support the development of palliative care and recognise the secondary consequence of the hastening of death which sometimes occurs as a result of that course of pain-management, that must not be confused with what is proposed by this legislation!"

Mr Jones said the legislation in its current form proposed the legalisation of the calm, cold, calculated decision to take another's life.

"This is legalising a form of murder," he said.

"This is not a States' Rights issue but a fundamental issue of moral importance and so I am appealing to the government to not support this legislation."

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