



The Hon Kevin Andrews MP
Member for Menzies
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Australia Day, 26 January 2021

Dear Mr Andrews

Civil Liberties Australia requests that you initiate a Private Member's Bill in the Australian Parliament to reverse the current law, stemming from your original Bill, under which citizens of Australia's Capital and Northern Territories are barred by law from voting in relation to euthanasia, or dying with dignity as many people call it.

CLA believes it would be appropriate if you personally took the initiative to restore full and equal rights to the Territories' citizens. Now that some states have exercised their right to pass legislation permitting euthanasia, and others are on the way to doing so, the inequity that Territorians do not have the right even to vote on the matter is a blight on equal rights for all citizens in Australia.

With your own distinguished legal background – including authorship in relation to the aptly-titled book "Rights and Freedoms in Australia" – and given the name and history of your electorate, you would be well aware of the inequity of some citizens of Australia not having rights equal to those of other Australians.

CLA is sure you do not want to be person responsible for some 600,000 Australians having a lesser ability or right, than citizens of the Australian States, to vote through their local Parliaments on how they decide to live their lives.

Before we write to the Prime Minister, asking him to make the issue of equal voting rights for Territorians a high priority in 2021, we invite you to take the first step to correct an anomaly which is now even more obvious than it was when first enacted. Please advise whether you will take the initiative, as requested, and when.

Yours truly

Dr Kristine Klugman
President