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Submission on the *Australian Capital Territory Amendment Bill 2010*

We would like to register our strong opposition to Senator Brown's Private Members' Bill titled the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010*.

As parents with young children, and an extended family which includes senior and elderly people, we reject the dangerous implications of this bill. Once passed this bill could easily be used to bring in Euthanasia and Homosexual Civil Unions both of which present a danger to families. Strong families require a strong definition of marriage enshrined in law. Likewise, the elderly and ill (ie. the most vulnerable in our society) require the law to protect their right to good medical care and freedom from the pressure to accept euthanasia. 'Voluntary' Euthanasia NEVER remains purely voluntary once doctors are given the power of life and death over vulnerable patients. In the same way, Civil Unions are a KNOWN step towards the acceptance and legalisation of homosexual 'marriage'. We reject both of these evils as detrimental to Australian families and society in general.

The Australian Parliament should reject the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010*.

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