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Mr Owen Marsh  
Committee Secretary  
Australian Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Marsh,

**Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005**

Please accept this supplement to submission no 6.

The new sub clauses begin with the words “to avoid doubt” but they do no such thing and are extremely limited in application. They refer to public discussion or debate or to advocating reform of the law relating to suicide or euthanasia.

Suicide is legal. The only suggestion that the law is changed to make suicide illegal was contained in the Governments’ original exposure draft. Australian voluntary euthanasia societies do not advocate or debate making euthanasia legal. The new clauses apply to no one.

This legislation would still create crimes from using any carriage service to transfer information which it is legal to convey by word of mouth and which relates to a legal act.

The legislation should be rejected outright to protect freedom of speech and the right to obtain information about a legal act.

Alternatively it should be modified, as previously suggested, to apply only to` devices modified to be suicide kits’ as in the customs regulations and as the explanatory memorandum claims.

Yours sincerely

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