Further submission from Australian Civil Liberties Union on Criminal Code Amendment proposed law:

Senators, if it is to be illegal to set up a website to encourage suicide, is it also illegal to have courts, as in the Schiavo case, that try and "legalise" euthanasia or "assisted suicide?" Is it illegal in the first sense, and "legal" in the other? In the latter case, it is actually more deadly, since it is "forced suicide", the court ordering Terri Schiavo's life support system shut off. She did not have any say in the matter, and only the recent intervention of Terri's parents to order a "stay of execution" on 30/3/05 might save her. This issue may eventually arise in Australia, not just in the United States. Again I ask, if it is illegal to set up a website that advocates suicide, is it also illegal to have a court that actually enforces "suicide" under another name and is worse because, whereas suicide is voluntary, this kind of "assisted suicide" is forced on the patient?See below for some details on this contentious issue. Geoff. Muirden, Australian Civil Liberties Union, PO Box 1137, Carlton, Vic. 3053 (nedrium@netspace.net.au)

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