

STATEMENT

BY SENATOR JOHN HOGG

- 1.1 The issue of euthanasia is clearly a moral issue.
- 1.2 The Australian Labor Party has long given a conscience vote to the members of its Party on the issue of euthanasia.
- 1.3 I have always chosen to exercise the freedom given to me on that conscience vote.
- 1.4 I have always adopted a consistent pro-life approach whether it be in respect of abortion, the death penalty or euthanasia.
- 1.5 I have always stood for the protection and sanctity of life.
- 1.6 I participated in the debate that passed the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997 (Cth)* and voted in support of the passage of the Bill at that time.
- 1.7 I have not been persuaded that the status-quo should be changed in any way.
- 1.8 There was no evidence to the Committee that would warrant my making a decision different from that which I previously made.
- 1.9 I therefore do not believe that the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997 (Cth)* should be repealed.

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