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**A Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to
the territories, and for other purposes**

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1 **A Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to**
2 **the territories, and for other purposes**

3 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4 **1 Short title**

5 This Act may be cited as the *Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted*
6 *Suicide Legislation) Act 2015*.

7 **2 Commencement**
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| Commencement information | | |
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Commencement information

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| this Act not elsewhere covered by this table | | |
| 2. Schedule 1 | The 28th day after this Act receives the Royal Assent. | |

1 Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally
2 enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of
3 this Act.

4 (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act.
5 Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it
6 may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

7 **3 Objects**

8 The objects of this Act are:
9 (a) to reduce Commonwealth interference with the laws of the
10 Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory; and
11 (b) to facilitate competitive federalism in law-making; and
12 (c) to recognise the right of the Australian Capital Territory and
13 the Northern Territory to legislate for assisted suicide within
14 their jurisdictions; and
15 (d) to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* the enactment of
16 which was inimical to the objects stated in paragraphs (a) to
17 (c).

18 **4 Schedules**

19 Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or
20 repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule
21 concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect
22 according to its terms.

1 **Schedule 1—Amendments**

2 **Part 1—Amendments**

3 *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*

4 **1 Subsections 23(1A) and (1B)**

5 Repeal the subsections.

6 *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*

7 **2 Section 50A**

8 Repeal the section.

1 **Part 2—Repeal of the Euthanasia Laws Act 1997**

2 *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*

3 **3 The whole of the Act**

4 Repeal the Act.

1 **Part 3—Application**

2 **4 Application**

- 3 (1) Despite the amendments made by this Schedule, the *Rights of the*
4 *Terminally Ill Act* of the Northern Territory:
- 5 (a) continues to have effect as a law of the Territory in relation
6 to any act or thing that was done before 27 March 1997; but
7 (b) has no force or effect as a law of the Territory in relation to
8 any act or thing done on or after that day.
- 9 (2) Subitem (1) applies subject to a contrary intention in a law of the
10 Northern Territory that is enacted after the commencement of this item.