



**GARY HIGGINS**  
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## **Restoring Territory Powers**

The Territory Opposition is urging Federal Senators to vote in support of Territorians having the same rights as the other 24 million Australians, and thus, restoring the right to legislate, without interference or intimidation.

It is time to restore the right of full self-determination to the people of the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins wrote to all Senators on 3 July, ahead of the anticipated vote in the Senate.

“It is fundamentally unfair and unjust that Territorians should be entitled to a less democratic form of government than other Australians.

“Regardless of personal views on euthanasia, I urge all Senators to support the rights of Territorians to legislate just as States do.

“This issue is not about euthanasia, it is about democracy, it is about the integrity of our system of government, it is about a fair go for all, including Territorians.

“If the Territory is ever to achieve its rightful place as a State, repealing the provision within *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 (NT)* is an important first step,” said Mr Higgins.

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