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**MARSHALL PERRON,  
MEMBER FOR FANNIE BAY**

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Chief Minister Marshall Perron warned today that attempts by some MLA's to sidestep a decision on his voluntary euthanasia Bill and refer it to a parliamentary committee were aimed at neutralising the Bill.

"A Select Committee will become so boxed in with irrelevant arguments that it would be impossible for a unanimous report to be delivered," he said.

"The issue would get lost in the 'too hard' basket, just as it has in many other jurisdictions."

Mr Perron said critics of the Bill were endeavouring to paint the issue as more complex than it was because they simply don't want to face up to a decision.

"Arguments being run against the Bill are classic scare tactics which have effectively stopped politicians elsewhere from having to take a stand up until now."

He said Territory politicians had the opportunity to gauge the support in their electorates and take a stand for or against the principle involved.

Mr Perron said the Bill simply aimed to give terminally ill patients the right to shorten their lives.

"Politicians should be brave enough to give them that right or bold enough to stand up in the Assembly and place on record a 'Yes' or 'No' vote."

Mr Perron said Territorians who favoured the legislation should make their views known to their local MLA.

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