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## PRESS RELEASE

### LABOR WILL ALLOW A CONSCIENCE VOTE ON EUTHANASIA

Labor Leader Brian Ede says that Labor Members of the Territory Parliament will have a conscience vote on amendments to the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act before the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Ede has attacked Shane Stone's decision to force a Party vote on Country Liberal Party Members as being further evidence of his lack of consistency and moral fibre.

"Shane Stone's statement that the Westminster tradition requires the Bill to be brought into force is specious and inaccurate.

Any Act of Parliament continues in force only so long as it enjoys the support of the current Members of the Parliament.

"Unlike the Country Liberal Party, Labor believes that this is a matter of conscience and that all members should be entitled to exercise their views accordingly.

"Members had the right of a conscience vote on all amendments during the passage of the original Bill. There is no justification in taking that right away from them now or in the future.

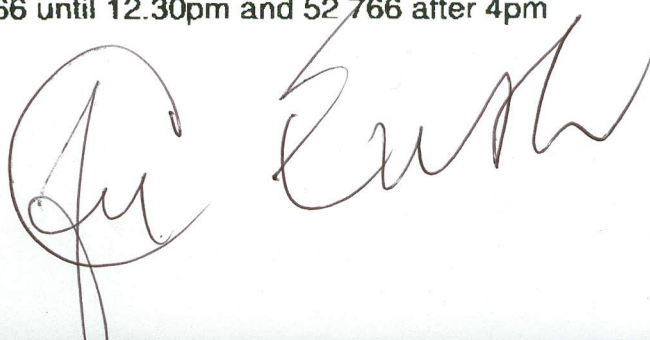
"Shane Stone's nervousness about his position as Chief Minister is the reason for his decision to force his colleagues behind him on these amendments.

"He is obviously frightened of Marshall Perron. It would appear that Marshall Perron, ex-Member, still has more power and influence than Shane Stone, Chief Minister."

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