

## **Death Highlights Need For Reform**

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The death of Rod Cordover again highlights the urgent need for voluntary euthanasia, with strong safeguards against abuse, to be available as a legal option to those with a hopeless or terminal illness. Indeed, Motor Neurone Disease is a prime example of why all Australians should have the choice for a legal assisted death, if that is the wish of the sufferer.

Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia, is a group formed in February 2009 with the aim of showing our MPs there are thinking Christians included in the 4 out of 5 people in Australia who support the choice of having an assisted death, when faced with a hopeless or terminal illness and pain that cannot be relieved (Newspoll 2007). We seek to counter the vocal Christian minority who oppose what we perceive as compassionate and caring legislation.

We urge all Tasmanians to support Greens MP Nick McKim in his efforts to have the Dying with Dignity Bill passed in Parliament. This compassionate, caring and humane legislation should be the right of each individual, and acceptance of it should surpass the normal political boundaries.

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