

# **South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc. (SAVES)**



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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Censorship law a blatant assault on our right to freedom of information.**

The Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Law 2005 comes into force on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

*This is an absurd law that targets suicide related information via the internet, email, telephone and fax and yet the same information can be lawfully accessed through non electronic means such as books, conversation and regular post.*

**This is draconian legislation we would expect to find in a dictatorship or theocracy.**

It will do nothing to address the real issues driving desperate people to suicide.

It will do nothing to control access to overseas internet sites.

This law will severely restrict the advisory and counselling services of voluntary euthanasia societies.

It will compound the grievous suffering of many with hopeless illnesses.

It will thereby drive these people to suicide.

**So where is the sense in this law?**

**What drives this legislation?**

**The same force was behind the Federal Parliament repeal of the Northern Territory's *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act* - the world's first voluntary euthanasia law.**

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