

South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc. (SAVES)

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MAKE YOUR CANDIDATES ACCOUNTABLE

In 1997 Federal Parliament passed Kevin Andrews' *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*; overturning the Northern Territory's *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995*; the world's first voluntary euthanasia law.

A democratically elected law murdered.

Three South Australian candidates standing for this Federal election voted to overturn that law:

Grant Chapman – Liberal candidate for the Senate

Andrew Southcott – Liberal candidate for House of Representatives - Boothby

Christopher Pyne – Liberal candidate for House of Representatives - Sturt

The Northern Territory voluntary euthanasia law could be re-instated by the new Federal parliament but do you know how your candidates are likely to vote on such a bill?

Find out! The SAVES website www.saves.asn.au is listing all candidates' positions on the principle of choice for voluntary euthanasia (to be finalised Friday).

The major players' positions:

Democrats and Greens candidates are all supportive.

Family First candidates are all opposed.

Labor – only 4 out of 14 candidates have bothered to reply so far to repeated requests for their positions. Two are supportive.

Liberal – only 6 out of 15 candidates have bothered. One is supportive.

SAVES President Frances Coombe urges voters "You have a right to know the views of your candidates. Don't be satisfied with being told that voluntary euthanasia is a conscience vote. Your conscience shouldn't be second fiddle. This system is an abdication of our lawmakers' duty to rationally consider the harm and the good of bills before them."

Vote for choice and democratic rights.

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