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To all members of the South Australian Parliament

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed an article entitled “New Developments in Self-Deliverance” which outlines the activities of the Self-Deliverance New Technology Group (NuTech). This group includes health scientists from around the world and its aim is the promotion of research into accessible and effective means of self-deliverance. This is the equivalent of euthanasia on demand which would effectively bypass the medical profession and any legislative controls.

We are very alarmed and disturbed by these developments as we are certain that circumventing the law in this way would open the way to ill-considered, (particularly youth), suicide and provide a means for murder. I’m sure you would agree that this looming problem is a threat to vulnerable people.

The impetus for Nu-Tech is the lack of effective legislation to address the needs of the hopelessly ill. It promises anarchy. We at SAVES are committed to seeking law reform as a safe means of regulating and monitoring the known practise of voluntary euthanasia. The “Dignity in Dying Bill 2001” offers this and I hope you will give it your best consideration. It is possible to ensure the protection of everyone’s interests and needs.

Yours sincerely,

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President