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## **Bill moves Vic to forefront of stem cell research: Bracks**

Victorian Premier Steve Bracks says the passing of legislation allowing therapeutic cloning will keep the state at the forefront of stem cell research.

The amendment to Victoria's Infertility Treatment Act was passed after a conscience vote in the state's Upper House last night.

It brings Victoria into line with federal legislation passed in December.

The bill allows scientists to carry out research on unfertilised eggs, which they hope will lead to more breakthroughs in the treatment of diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Mr Bracks says Victoria is well placed to make major breakthroughs in stem cell research.

"It does mean we remain one of the leaders in stem cell research around the world," he said.

"We have the centre of the Australian stem cell research here in Melbourne at the Monash University Stem Cell Research Centre.

"We have great capacity to find cures for some of the intractable diseases of the world and we are close on finding some of those, this will help us even further."

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