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A group opposed to the use of embryos for stem cell research is urging state MPs to explore the issue before deciding whether the practice should be allowed in Queensland.

MPs will get a conscience vote on legislation, which is being introduced to bring Queensland into line with the Commonwealth.

Toowoomba-based director of Australians For Ethical Stem Cell Research, Dr David van Gend, says it has already spoken to some members about the issue.

"So each state parliament has to start again as it were and ponder if they will give their support to this unethical science where you create human embryos, just like 'Dolly' the sheep, which could be born as a baby by cloning with the sole intention of destroying it for research," he said.

"That's the question before the State Parliament."

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