

Stem cell praise for Victoria

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SCIENTISTS have welcomed the historic stem cell legislation which could lead to therapeutic cloning of embryos for stem cell production.

The legislation puts another tool in the state's stem cell research toolbox, Australian Stem Cell Centre spokeswoman Michelle Singe said.

"The legislation will open new doors for research into a range of diseases such as Parkinson's disease and congenital disease like cystic fibrosis and sickle-cell anemia," she said.

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However, Ms Singe was keen to not exaggerate the effect of the legislation on Victoria's medical research industry.

Only a few Australian scientists know how to conduct the research, and the technique has not yet been proved to work.

The controversial amendment to the Infertility Treatment Act was passed in the State Parliament's Upper House 23 to 16 in a conscience vote on Thursday.

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