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## **NSW to expand stem-cell research**

The New South Wales Government will today introduce amended legislation into parliament to expand stem-cell research.

The legislation will mirror that passed by the Commonwealth parliament last December.

The Premier, Morris Iemma, says the changes will expand the current state laws allowing therapeutic cloning known as SCNT.

"Somanti Cell Nuclear Transfers which is one of the activities that will be allowed to occur under licence and under strict control," he said.

The process allows stem cells to be derived from an embryo created by merging an unfertilised egg with another cell.

Mr Iemma says the bill maintains several bans including one on human cloning for reproduction and some of those for example a prohibition against development beyond 14 days and a prohibition on implantation.

ALP members will be given a conscience vote on the issue.

Mr Iemma says he will support the bill, and believes other MP's should do the same.

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