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One Senate vote inadequate mandate for cloning

The House of Representatives should reject the Patterson Bill on cloning after its precarious passage through the Senate, according to Mr Jim Wallace, Managing Director of the Australian Christian Lobby.

The Patterson Bill passed the Senate by just one vote, with several saying their conscience was not easy with the decision they made to support it. The Bill is to be introduced into the House of Representatives tomorrow, Thursday 30th November 2006.

"To cross such a pivotal threshold in our growing disregard for human life is tragic," said Mr Wallace. "To allow that decision to stand when it was passed by just one vote in the Senate is irresponsible," he said.

"Science will always seek unrestricted capacity to research. But the role of our elected representatives in this is to ensure that necessary ethical constraints are applied."

"To say that we are prepared to create a life for experimentation and destruction is morally wrong. It begs the question of what we will be prepared to do next. What previously deeply held aspect of the sanctity of life will we next compromise, on the basis of hollow assurances from science that it is 'for the greater good?'

"Some things are inherently and indefensibly wrong. To create a human being for the purpose of experimentation is clearly one of those", said Mr Wallace.

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