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The debate on stem cell legislation in the House of Representatives has become personal.

Member for Eden-Monaro Gary Nairn says the death of his wife from cancer has strengthened his support for allowing the extension of embryonic stem cell research.

The Bill has already passed the Senate and is expected to go to a conscience vote next week.

Mr Nairn says researchers need to be given every opportunity to make medical advances.

"I wouldn't support this Bill purely and simply because of my experiences, I think I would have been supporting it anyway," he said.

"I think when people do go through some of those experiences, it does help to focus your mind on just what should be done."

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