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Doctors opposed to a Senate bill to allow extensions to therapeutic cloning have placed adverts in newspapers across the country this morning.

The bill will go to the Senate next week.

Doctors Against Cloning (DAC) spokesman Dr David van Gend says there is no scientific or ethical reason to allow the creation of human embryos for research.

"People, when confronted with the ethical issues, will go against cloning," he said.

"When they're confronted with hype about miracle cures using cloning, well, they might go with it.

"We've got to correct both the ethical information and the scientific information to get a true outcome on this matter of profound importance."

Dr van Gend says an embryo that is created by cloning just like any other embryo, to be born as a baby if it is given a chance.

"It's not actually for miracle cures that we want to use embryonic stem cells - it's for genetic research and drug development."

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