



## Riverina residents monitor stem cell debate

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Riverina residents who support stem cell research are closely watching the Federal Government's deliberations on the Therapeutic Cloning Bill.

The bill passed the Senate in a narrow vote this week and the House of Representatives is expected to vote on it within weeks.

Grant Harper, whose brother Ben is a quadriplegic after an accident this year, has urged local MPs to back the bill.

He says the research has positive implications for many people.

"They've only touched the tip of the iceberg. I've read a lot of reports on where this can all lead and it can help with Alzheimer's, stroke victims, all sorts of people," he said.

"Ben's accepted what's happened to him, but if there was something that could come along and help him, or other people, it would be fantastic."

It has been reported today that the Member for Riverina, Kay Hull, will be voting against the legislation.

The Member for Hume, Alby Schultz, also says he will not support the bill.

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