

Disease fight:

Former Tasmanian senator and motor neurone disease ambassador Guy Barnett will talk about the disease that kills more than 500 Australians each year at a national conference in Adelaide today. Mr Barnett, whose father died from motor neurone disease, said around 1400 people nationally were living with the condition and that most people died within two to three years. "For each person diagnosed with the disease an estimated 14 members of their family and friends will live with the impact forever," he said. Motor neurone disease management and best practices are key issues to be addressed at the conference.