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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Submission to the Health Committee

Re: Submission to the Health Committee

Dear Health Committee Members,

I am very concerned about the State Government's voluntary assisted dying Bill. I am writing to you to ask that you do not vote for the assisted suicide Bill.

One of the many reasons that I am against this Bill is that there are no mental health checks. There is no requirement for those requesting assisted suicide to be assessed by a mental health expert like a psychiatrist, yet mental anguish and depression is often one of the main drivers for requests for euthanasia, as data from other jurisdictions shows.

Also, it is practically impossible to ensure that all acts of euthanasia are voluntary. Since involuntary euthanasia is indistinct from murder it would be unfeasible to regulate, causing the danger of murderers not being brought to justice, due to their crimes being passed off as involuntary euthanasia.

There is also the concern that doctors could end up killing very sick patients without asking for their permission, and in the worst case scenario, begin to kill off patients to free up beds in hospitals, or to save money. These situations show how dangerous it could be to let the legalisation of euthanasia lead into the legalisation of involuntary euthanasia.

Please consider your stance on this issue with great care.

Sincerely,
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