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Sent: Thursday, 17 June 2021 11:19 AM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I would like my voice heard that I am strongly against the proposed Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia Bill. Please consider the fact that the Australian Medical Assn and the Nurses' Professional Assn of Qld are opposed to this. I do think the average Aussie would not be in favour of this either, if they had more facts.

Euthanasia is not the 'mercy killing' it is made out to be. Amongst other things, it is a cheap option for saving money on healthcare. It would seem the Qld Govt does not want to invest the needed funds into palliative care. They CAN afford this and it needs to be done, to the full amount of \$275 million per year. It is socially and morally wrong to not provide these funds, as I believe euthanasia itself is.

Consider that there is a reason the bill has been voted down 6 times in Britain.

If passed, the Bill will initially have conditions of use, but going by what's happening in European countries where it's legalised, these conditions are quickly eroded and it becomes highly open to abuse, with safeguards relaxing in an appalling, alarming way, and with people choosing death, who shouldn't be.

I also ask you respectfully to please consider the following points:-

1. Euthanasia weakens society's respect for the sanctity of life.
2. Accepting euthanasia accepts that some lives (those of the disabled or sick) are worth less than others.
3. Voluntary euthanasia is the start of a slippery slope that leads to involuntary euthanasia and the killing of people who are thought undesirable.
4. Euthanasia might not be in a person's best interests.
5. Euthanasia affects other people's rights, not just those of the patient.
6. Proper palliative care makes euthanasia unnecessary.
7. There's no way of properly regulating euthanasia
Allowing euthanasia will lead to less good care for the terminally ill.
8. Allowing euthanasia undermines the commitment
of doctors and nurses to saving lives.
9. Euthanasia undermines the motivation to provide good care for the dying, and good pain relief.
10. Euthanasia gives too much power to doctors.
11. Euthanasia exposes vulnerable people to pressure to end their lives.
12. Moral pressure on elderly relatives by selfish families.

13. Moral pressure to free up medical resources.

14. Patients who are abandoned by their families may feel euthanasia is the only solution.

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Yours sincerely,
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