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 The Legal and Social Issues Committee
 Parliament House
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Dear Secretary,

Please accept this submission in regard to the document which may be submitted to patients when entering a hospital... Advanced Care Directive. Also this may be an invitation to sign your life away.

Let it be known I am totally opposed to this move for many reasons.

- 1) It allows for assisted suicide for stressed patients, what we need is palliative care should the patient need it.
- 2) Don't let people, particularly, the aged be encouraged to seek suicide with legal injections that are specifically designed to KILL the patient.
- 3) This is a licence to kill. This creates a class of people whose lives are thought to be unworthy of living.
- 4) This is an emotional abuse of those who need help.
- 5) People who don't want to live will be encouraged to die and may be killed.
- 6) Euthanasia discourages medical research.
- 7) It would affect the community and the family.
- 8) Public conscience will be subverted.
- 9) Where is the medical ethics "In the first place do no harm". Doctors are commissioned to heal and care, not be urged to kill because of health budgets in hospitals.

10) Look at the terrible situation in Belgium and the Netherlands where mentally disordered people and disabled children are routinely killed.

11) My devoted wife Kathleen Mary Charles died at Maryvale Hospital 9/9/2011 aged 77 of cancer but was carefully managed to control the pain by expert palliative care. Her family & myself with 11 children were there and she died peacefully knowing that she had carried their burdens and cares so successfully. Her peace of mind and happiness were so radiant and we rejoiced in a life of caring and love. It was an inspiration and source of great comfort for us all. She knew she was loved to the very last breath she made in my arms. she fought the good fight and went to heaven with joyful expectations. Thank you Kath. How could I not but acknowledge her loyal and wonderful leadership. She inspired Lookafter to children and grand children 28. "I said I would" yours sincerely