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End of Life Choices

Dear Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the Inquiry regarding 'medical options available at the end of their life'. I need to stress that euthanasia and assisted suicide are not "medical options." Intentional acting to cause the death of a person is definitely not a medical act! We are really moving into a situation

where humans are being faced with euthanasia; at the same level as dogs and cats at veterinary clinics. It staggers me to think more is done to focus on the animal kingdom rather than vulnerable humans. In the Netherlands I believe at least 4% of current deaths have been killings via euthanasia. More effort must be made to ensure that all Victorians have access to the best care at the end-of-life - palliative care must be a priority so that true dignity to those dying is available. We seem to be living in a world where life seems to be increasing cheap. Pain and compassion from conception to death must be our renewed focus. Yours faithfully