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May I humbly make my submission in opposition to "End-of-Life choices" as

1. It is a step towards control of end-of-life care and is a step towards assisted suicide and euthanasia when the focus of end-of-life care should be on palliative care not facilitation of death.

2. In this beautiful of Australia 15 pro-assisted suicide, euthanasia or end-of-life bills have been defeated between 2002 and 2012 (Vic 1, WA 2, NSW 3, Tas 1, SA 8.)

3. Euthanasia is in conflict with basic ethical principles of medical practice and pro-assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia and lead doctors and nurses to change from carers to being otherwise. This undermines the trust people have in the medical profession and health care generally.

4. Under voluntary euthanasia, there are many examples of people who are not terminal being killed when voluntary euthanasia becomes involuntary.

5. Safeguards are found to be inadequate where euthanasia has been legalised eg. in Oregon USA.

I believe the Catholic Health Australia sums it up very well: "No one, however, should be compelled to issue instructions about future care, nor should any guidance we leave be too prescriptive." - a description of wishes rather than prescriptive, legally -enforceable directions.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to make this submission.

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