

To whom it may concern,

I am given to understand that parliamentary initiatives are underway to remove legal prohibition of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Victoria.

I wish to state my strong opposition to any such initiative since I believe that doctors have a duty to care for patients, not terminate their lives.

I also consider that, were doctors permitted to take life rather than save it, irreparable harm will be done to doctor-patient trust and the credibility of the medical profession; and that

palliative care constitutes proper humane treatment of patients; whereas euthanasia and assisted suicide do not.

Yours sincerely,

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