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Sent: Friday, 31 July 2015 5:40 PM
To: LSIC
Subject: Re; End of Life inquiry

Dear Commissioners,

I suggest that there is a large enough group of people who are committed to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide to push a lot of policy decisions. I am concerned that the Right to Die with Dignity movement is like the Euthanasia policies practiced by the Nazis during World War two. There may be more legal protections put in place but nothing is ever adhered to totally especially when budgets are tight. Rules get bent in the name of efficiency. Effectiveness in providing service comes a bad third.

"Putting people out of their misery" is so 19 Century aristocratic agriculture that it is repulsive because it removes whatever dignity people have left after a medical, emotional or ageing crisis. I also suspect that the people who take this attitude have yet to deal with the pain of their own personal losses especially of older and seriously invalided relatives and friends. Grief isn't easy to handle for many of us but to 'put people out of their misery' or refuse to deal with their own emotional pain if we are the ones dying is a form of disrespect by all concerned. This is contrary to what our children and grandchildren are taught in schools these days.

Please be careful you are not befuddled by people who are looking for an emotionally easier or cheaper way of looking at end of life issues. Failure to do so cheapens the whole Inquiry process.

Sincerely,

John D Wilson,
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