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Firstly my apologies for being late with this, as I only just found out about this. Hence I will keep this very brief, and hope that my thoughts may be considered.

Thanking you in anticipation...

Despite the many obvious and poignant cases where one could easily see why people would advocate euthanasia, I fear that to allow it on whatever initial grounds, would be a slippery slope.

What is enough of a 'drag' on the quality of one's life to justify ending it?

Most people are aware of the recent sad 'event' that has led to Dr Phillip Nitschke's medical de-registration(?) He helped (advised) a bloke who was (40-odd?) and depressed, but with no (physical) issues.

What about Dowe's Syndrome babies???

People born with severe physical disabilities???

And what is severe?

No arms nor legs? Missing a limb? Missing a hand? Missing two fingers? Missing an ear?

Where does one draw the line, would have to be a problem surely, IMHO...?

And then there's the issue of people being pressured because they 'cost too much' (the Nazis used that one), or maybe a relative wants to access their inheritance...?

I guess it's also got to do with - how a society can be assessed is by how said society treats its most vulnerable...

Summary:

Whilst the reasons for euthanasia are too often poignantly and powerfully obvious, no matter how careful and well intentioned any legislation may be, it risks also being the start of a very slippery, slippery slope, as to what may become the definition of a life worth protecting, I believe.

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