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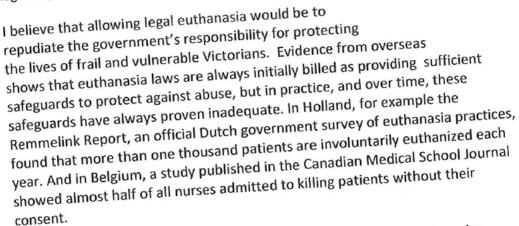
Dear End of Life Choices Inquiry.

Subject: Body:

My submission to the enquiry.

Please allow me to share with you my concerns about

legalizing euthanasia in Victoria.



It is naïve to think that with Victoria's rapidly aging population and soaring health care costs that euthanasia could be contained if ever it was first allowed. It is worth considering that a euthanasia kit costs only tens of dollars, whereas proper medical care of an elderly of severely disabled patient costs tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars. I do not doubt that for purely financial motives the legal 'treatment' of death will come to be strongly favoured by families and governments over time, once the option is available.

Please do not allow this to happen in Victoria. Do not blight the lives of frail and vulnerable Victorians by recommending that euthanasia be legalized. Instead, please focus the committee's attention on how genuine palliative care can be improved and made more available.

Name Coenraad Boerlage Yours sincerely,

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