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re Euthanasia issue

I would like to make a number of comments on this issue. I think if we go down the Belgian or Netherlands experience it will become easy to terminate the life of elderly people under the law and thereby making their assets available to relatives at an earlier time. Obviously if this was to take place one would make sure all wills were in order, so one was assured of obtaining the assets without difficulty.

Most of our politicians have a good asset base and in years to come if this legislation is passed might find themselves the target.

I have known of people who have died utilizing a good palliative care program which made the process of dying more comfortable and with far less suffering.

Unfortunately we may see the same slippery slope here in the future, as was experienced in Europe where children and people with mental health issues are legally euthanised.

I hope our country will always respect life from conception to natural death and provide appropriate palliative care and services for the sick and dying.



Yours Faithfully