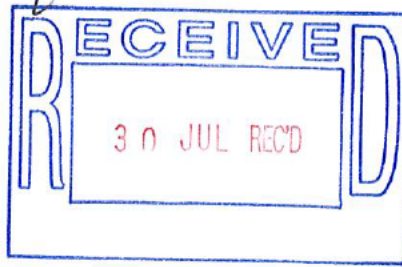


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To: - Lilian Topic, Secretary  
The Legal & Social Issues Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring St., Melbourne Vic. 3002

Dear Madame Secretary,  
Submission re "End of Life Choices"

I am concerned that helping terminally ill people to be as pain free as possible as they meet their death is termed involuntary euthanasia. It is not euthanasia.

If the administration of pain relieving drugs such as Morphine are administered with the single intention of reducing suffering & not of suppressing a patient's ability to breathe then this is good compassionate care - not euthanasia. The line between the

two is fairly fine. Health Professionals need to be careful they deliver care according to set Professional Standards & not per their own Value system. Intentionally hastening a person's death is wrong in the eyes of the law, & certainly in the eyes of God.

What is required is improved Palliative Care for all terminally ill people. We all need people to care for us & about us.

I pray the Holy Spirit guide & direct you in your deliberations.

Yours Sincerely

Rosemary Kennedy