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re: "Inquiry into End of Life Choices"

The terms of reference:

(1) Assess the practices; (2) review the current framework of legislation; and (3) consider what types of legislative change may be required

No legislative changes to allow assisted suicide or euthanasia are required; improved and accessible palliative care is a better option.

Changing the legislation will discriminate against sick and old people -- the most vulnerable -- by encouraging them to suicide. It also creates a culture of people who are deemed to be unworthy; this is an open door to prospective government policies, which is demonstrated in a similar policy that currently discriminates against refugees by deeming them a "burden" on society.

Euthanasia also violates a fundamental premise in medical ethics, which is to do no harm. It changes the role of a doctor as a carer who acts in the best interests of the patient, not the hospital or health budget. Safeguards on extending euthanasia to children and those with mental health issues overseas have failed and will therefore fail here.

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