Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

Mrs Michelle White

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I believe that more funding should be put towards palliative care options, whether in homes or hostels.

I also believe that information should be made available regarding all the options for end of life care; that this information should be readily available from GPs or other organisations which serve older people.

I don't believe euthanasia or legal suicide should be made available, as I believe it can so easily be abused. I believe that it would make those who are elderly and feel that they are a burden to family vulnerable to pressure to end their life.

All people are valuable from birth to death No matter what they do or who they are, and we as a society should be more concerned with people and less concerned with economics and ourselves.

I believe that care should be taken to ensure that Advanced Care Directives are worded simply and clearly so that patients wishes are understand properly; that "no medical treatment" does not mean death by starvation, as it might mean now.

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File2:

File3:
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Hi,

Just an addition to my previous submission:

There are many people who are given a prognosis for end of life (ie 6 months etc), who are alive a long time later. In some cases, many years later. If euthanasia is made legal and available, I believe that patients would take this option, and families and friends could miss out on many years of live and love with the patient that would otherwise happen.