To the Legal & Social Issues Committee of the Inquiry into End of Life Choices.

My Submission on Potential Changes to Our Legislative Framework.

No one - NO ONE - has any authority to destroy another human being. The right to life is inalienable.

Euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide involves killing another human being either directly or indirectly.

The dual concern with euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is the corruption of the relationship between the state and its most vulnerable citizens. And...

...the corruption of the relationship between doctors and their most vulnerable patients.

A recent WA Palliative Care special
has held a Senate Inquiry into euthanasia that they do not want to be put on or removal of "wearing a
and patient's lives."
"Why should we be forced to kill people? ... To change our role to become a person who causes death is quite a different role. We are not comfortable with that role and do not consider it to be good for families."  Dr. Doug Bridge, former head of Royal Perth Hospital’s palliative care service.

The people who are always most at risk are the most vulnerable (for many the right to die is lost too early becomes the duty & vice) and a law that failed to protect vulnerable people would always be a bad law.

May I note here. There is no such right as a right to die... A right implies some claim that I have in justice on another... I have no claim on death - none at all. Death has the claim on me."

Availability and accessibility of palliative care is an essential component of care for those facing death, but understanding... an essential component of care. ESSENTIAL!!
As... any potential changes to our legislative framework that would allow euthanasia or supervised assisted suicide should be vehemently rejected as an abhorring corroboration of the doctor-patient relationship and an insidious erosion of our society's most vulnerable citizens.

Respectfully yours,

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