Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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We oppose any legislative changes allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide to be sanctioned in our state.

We fully support the concept, provision and benefits of palliative care. This is a crucial area of health care which sadly has been neglected i.e. under resourced, under funded, under promoted and, in many instances, inaccessible to many, including those residing in urban and rural areas.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide would adversely change the public conscience.

Patients experiencing serious ill-health and suffering (and their families) could very easily lose confidence and have difficulty in discerning if the medical practitioners attending to them are "healers" or "killers".

Our doctors role as "healers" would be seriously comprised should these premature death options be sanctioned. It is vital that we keep and attract medical practitioners who uphold the dignity of each human life entrusted to their care.

As a nation which has one of the best health systems in the world, we appeal to the Committee to direct their intention and resources in striving to provide and promote high quality, affordable, accessible and timely palliative care to those who need it.

Yours sincerely

Chas and Marianne Bagguley

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