

To The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

This petition of certain citizens of Australia, shows: That because of the Dutch experience 19.61% of the total deaths in the Netherlands were “physician-assisted deaths” and, in 2005, approximately 50% of these were victims of non-voluntary euthanasia, that is, patients who had their lives terminated without their request.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the Parliament of Australia will vote against the Green Party Euthanasia Bill and totally oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia otherwise referred to by misleading terms such as mercy-killing or doctor-assisted suicide to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped or terminally ill or depressed young people, is not subject to these unjust or unethical procedures and will call all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath to save life and uphold the principles of palliative care to relieve extreme pain, because of the sanctity of life.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.