

Committee Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs,
Department of the Senate
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CANBERRA. ACT. 2600

Dear Sir,

Inquiry into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

I would like to lodge my submission that this Bill not be repealed for the following reasons.

1. I believe it is a very dangerous practice for doctors or anyone in our society to have the power to authorize death to someone.
2. It is almost impossible to prevent mistakes from being made and the legislation being used for purposes other than in that person's best interest.
3. Palliative care provision in hospitals today should be better funded instead so that those who are terminally ill can be cared for until they die naturally.
4. Those who are terminally ill cannot always make a rational decision and could be easily manipulated for the wrong reason.
5. The repeal of this Bill would create enormous problems for our society and enormous repercussions for future generations.

Thank you for the privilege of making this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Cr. Sally Dover

28th March, 2008