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Dear Sirs and Madams

I wish to express my deep concern with regard to legislating to make Euthanasia legal. Once this bill becomes law, families will be able to put pressure on their elderly parents/relatives to seek euthanasia not for humane reasons but for selfish ones - so that they can pay off their mortgages, get themselves out of debt, spend more money. Less than scrupulous doctors will be encouraged to administer lethal doses even to those who do not consent, by similarly unscrupulous and selfish family members.

And what about newborn babies who is going to speak up for them? Many a handicapped child has brought wonderful joy to families, yet the pain and guilt brought on by having a child 'legally murdered' will, without a doubt, result in more women in mental institutions or committing suicide.

Life is precious, to bring in these laws will cheapen it. We did not commit capital punishment for murderers anymore, but now we are going to legalize murder - will you be able to sleep well with than on your conscious - who will determine who lives and who dies - this is not only draconian measures but reeks of Nazi Germany and the killing of the weak, wick, lame, blind, Jews, Christians etc. etc. When and where will we draw the line? Is this not exactly what we see happening in some African countries today under the heading of 'genocide' and other obnoxious terms.

I chose to come to Australia in 1971, because I believed in the Australian way of life, in what Australian's had been prepared to give their lives for when the fought in WWII - if this bill is enacted and becomes law, much of what I, and many others value, will be finished and we will be a much sadder country for it. We will no longer be the land of the free, freedom to live, to speak out, and to die in peace, without pressure, when our bodies are ready to die - AND NOT BEFORE.

Think and think carefully, please, before enacting this bill.

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