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**Subject:** FW: Life Choices - Euthanasia

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**To the Legislative Assembly,**

**I am writing to express my concerns regarding legalising Euthanasia.**

**With the assisted dying or assisted suicide passed in a number of overseas countries we can see the implications:**

**Washington Post article:**

"... regarding a Belgian medical system that over the past two years administered lethal injections upon the request of five non-terminally ill people with schizophrenia, five with autism, eight with bipolar disorder and 29 with dementia — an increasingly common condition in the aging Western world — as well as 39 with depression, according to the report."

Belgium has also assisted a child in Euthanasia. The mentally ill and disabled in society can be the victims of such legislation being passed.

Should not the role in governing be to defend the weak, young and dying. The AMA have vowed for centuries to protect and never to harm those in their care, if Euthanasia was passed we would not be up holding and protecting the value of human life.

We need to instead assess the practices within the medical community and look for ways to bring comfort, high quality palliative care and value to a dying or terminally ill persons life.

Please govern wisely and protect our most vulnerable in society.

Regards,

Juliette Smith

Sent from my iPhone