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To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices.

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit my views for consideration.

I am a retired Presbyterian Minister who has often visited dying people and experienced the difficulties of that situation.

My mother died a slow death from cancer when in her fifties.

Palliative care in nearly all cases has been wonderful. Patients have been helped medically and personally in the final stages of life.

In my view euthanasia is not necessary when there is good palliative care.

Euthanasia is open to abuse, even with proper safeguards in place.

Too easily the aged or seriously ill can be viewed as worthless and even disposable, both by others and the person himself or herself.

It is important that a person's significance is recognised and they have opportunity to prepare for what is about to happen.

Taking these things into account, I request that the committee does everything possible to continue to provide good palliative care, and does not make euthanasia legal.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Morris