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Submission to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

I believe euthanasia should not be legal as all life is precious and important from conception to natural death. I would like to touch upon the **first term of reference** regarding the exercise of personal preference in managing the end of life.

Countries such as the Netherlands and Canada have legalised euthanasia to provide relief for the terminally ill. The people only have to demonstrate unbearable suffering or have serious and incurable illness, disease or disability. However, **what is the definition of 'unbearable suffering'?** What is unbearable suffering for you might not be for me. This is a very subjective statement. It can be taken out of context and used for manipulative purposes. For example, convincing a disabled person, who would usually have a full term life, to end their life to spare them (or, more accurately, us the abled) the suffering and the burden they put upon people taking care of them. Many, if not all who are disabled are able to live a full with the help of society.

We can show we care by making sure that euthanasia is not made lawful.

I do not wish to appear before the committee to present my case

Signed

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