

PROLIFE FACTS

Soon Parliament will vote on ACT MP David Seymour's 'End of Life Choice' Bill. Contrary to what some New Zealanders believe, 'aid-in-dying' is not being proposed only for people with a terminal illness or those suffering from pain. This wording of the bill is sufficiently vague that it would potentially allow assisted suicide or euthanasia for a wide range of common conditions, including chronic and ageing-related conditions, mental illness and even depression. Such a law would undermine the suicide prevention messages currently being promoted to vulnerable New Zealanders who are facing physical, emotional or mental suffering, and because the assisted suicide "option" would be cheaper than providing treatment and palliative care, some people may feel pressured into choosing assisted suicide.

Euthanasia Free NZ believes that the truly humane and dignified response is to ensure that everyone has access to the best physical, emotional, social and spiritual care they need, when they need it. As voting on the bill is likely to occur on Wednesday July 26 or August 9, they encourage concerned New Zealanders to act quickly to make sure their MP is aware of their views. There are several ways you can do this but the most effective way to do this is to speak to your MP in person - you can phone the office of your local MP to request a 5-10 minute appointment. Email contact is another option: email your MP via www.haveyoursay.org.nz. Or you can write to your MP, at (Name of your MP), FreePost Parliament, Private Bag 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160 (no stamp required). For more information, contact details and resources, see www.notoassistedsuicide.nz or phone 0800 42 76 42.

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