

SAY NO TO THE SEYMOUR BILL

Parliament will soon vote on ACT MP David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill. It proposes legal assisted suicide and euthanasia for terminal illness and 'irremediable conditions'.



Wide Scope

'Irremediable conditions' could include disabilities, mental illness, or ageing-related and longstanding conditions such as arthritis and diabetes.



Suicide Prevention

Depressed people would be at risk of receiving help to suicide. Depression can be hidden, misdiagnosed, or dismissed as mild, but still affect decisions.



Pressure & Abuse

People may want to die due to subtle pressure arising from unreported elder or relationship abuse. No legal process can reliably detect this.



Wrongful Deaths

Medical diagnosis and prognosis are based on probability, not certainty. 28% of autopsies show at least one misdiagnosis.* Terminally ill people often live longer than expected.



Medical Ethics

The bill would allow doctors to deliberately end the lives of their patients or assist in their suicides without risking prosecution. This would contradict age-old ethics.



Involves Society

Such a law would undermine trust in doctors, especially in the public hospital system. Taxpayers would help to fund the assisted suicides of fellow Kiwis.

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