

TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE LEGALISATION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

The *End-Of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020* was passed by the Tasmanian Legislative Council on November 10 and now moves into the House of Assembly. On December 3 and 4, MPs will be given an opportunity to deliver second reading speeches concerning the Bill. No further action on the Bill will take place until Parliament resumes in early March 2021.

The Bill is attempting to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia in Tasmania. It is important for people of good will to voice their serious concerns about these proposed laws before December 3.

You can take action in two ways:

1. Direct communication

The most effective way to provide a strong message to MPs is to write your own email/letter or make a phone call using the key points provided below. The contact information of MPs is included on the back of this page. Letters and emails should be addressed to The Honourable [MP's name].

Key points for letters/emails/phone calls

- The state should never sanction any action by a person conducted with the intention of hastening the death of another person.
- This Bill is completely unnecessary as palliative care can help alleviate end-of-life suffering. Better funding is needed to improve the availability and cost of palliative care.
- It is impossible to develop assisted suicide/euthanasia laws that can ever adequately protect the vulnerable.
- Doctors should focus on a patient's health rather than giving them a lethal injection (euthanasia) or a mixture of poison to drink (assisted suicide).
- Assisted suicide and euthanasia laws inevitably expand over time.

2. Use an email platform

You can send an email to politicians using a template by visiting the following websites:

Hope is an organisation that opposes the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide.
https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/stand_against_euthanasia_today

Australian Christian Lobby is an organisation that opposes the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is a grassroots movement made up of over 175,000 individuals who seeking to bring a Christian influence to politics.
https://www.acl.org.au/cm_tas_savelives#splash-signup

Get Informed

For more information about this issue and what is happening in Parliament check out the website of the Tasmanian based organisation, Live and Die Well: www.livendiewell.org .

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