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To Whom it May Concern:

I am greatly concerned about the concerted effort to push this “service” on the Australian public. Do we really want to impose a culture of death rather than a compassionate care regime for the terminally ill. Of course, this will morph into assisted suicide for anyone who wants it for any reason. You only need to investigate what is happening overseas to see what will happen in Australia, despite the protests to the contrary. This WILL happen here; we will euthanise the disabled, depressed and young people, not to mention unscrupulous individuals who prefer not to wait for their inheritance! Whatever happened to care and compassion? Apparently they are too expensive to implement, so we have the dreadful example of an American individual who applied to her health fund to meet the cost of her palliative care and was told that her only option was euthanasia. Do you want to die like that? I certainly don’t!

Australia used to be a safe and sought after place to live and die. Now it will depend very much on whether you have a Dr. Frankenstein or a Dr. Chris O’Brien managing your terminal care. Please don’t endorse this happening in Australia.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Hall.

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