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Dear Sirs,

I thank you for the opportunity to present my perspective on adopting a euthanasia bill for Australia.

I am well aware that there are those who suffer considerably in the process of dying - I may well do that myself.

However, I object strongly to the possibility of a bill requiring doctors to prescribe death under any circumstances for any patient.

This will make much room for hard-hearted families to make their elders feel useless and as if it is time to die and release their money to the children. Believe me there are a great number of families who will use that pressure on their elders and it is elder abuse. What sort of committee can discern if that is the case when people are so well trained in acting?

When Cannabis becomes available to patients in pain it will be of very great assistance to patients during their last days. That is close to happening. Once such a law on euthanasia is made there will be no limits on its extended applications. In other countries it is used to kill disabled and other categories of dependent people on the grounds of beneficence. Suicide, which is so applauded in the musical charts, will be an easy out and will very soon be enabled if euthanasia becomes law. I don't know how being killed can be a benefit to any one.

Doctors will be required to do what they have promised in the hypocratic oath never to do, and very many of them would have to go against their consciences to do it.

Please have the good sense to put a halt to these laws of savagery that are being proposed to Australia these days. We have done extremely well for the last few thousand years without such laws and they will improve only the ability to abuse the aged and unfortunate. I miss the old days when you left your key under the front door mat and trusted most people. Those days are far gone and we can give re-assurance to our offspring with less and less certainty now.

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If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth will set you FREE! John 8:31,32.

John 4:10 "Jesus answered and said unto her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is asking you, Give me to drink; you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water."