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I am very against legalising euthanasia. I have heard horrific stories from countries in Europe who have legalised it. An older lady with dementia held down and a lethal dose of administered to her despite her earlier wishes before dementia progressed to not have this done, Holland. A young man in his thirties with depression opting to have his life taken as he felt he was a burden, Germany.

As with any system there are people who will exploit or rot them and this is too scary to consider particularly in this case when it's a life or death situation. Also putting medical professionals in a position where they may be forced to end life against their will or lose their jobs. We are still a democracy and choices like this will be eroded and we will no longer be a free society but a very scary place.

My father was in the hospice before he died and I was very impressed with the care and support the individuals received and also the pain medicine was very carefully administered. Palliative care in the ACT is excellent as many people give special thanks to the staff there when their loved one passes away. Their care can't be praised enough.

Family members in a hurry to have access to the proceeds of Wills have in the past, recent and far, have expedited their demise long before their natural time. This will give people of that mode more freedom to get away with it.

I believe German doctors have recently refused to support a new euthanasia law due to horrific episodes which have occurred there. I hope we can avoid these things in our country. I am genuinely scared if it's passed.


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