



Euthanasia

Policy Statement

The debate on voluntary euthanasia is in full flight again in a number of Western countries, including Australia and New Zealand.

Should we be humane and allow terminally ill patients, or those whose quality of life has diminished to an unacceptable extent, the chance of a peaceful death with dignity at the time of their own choosing? Or should we keep them alive at all costs, disregarding their often prolonged torturous suffering, the undignified drawn out attempts to let them be around for another day, doped up to the eyeballs, vegetating in homes awaiting the inescapable end?

Almost every poll conducted in the past has shown that an overwhelming majority of participants wants euthanasia legalised.

The Australian Medical Association is justly concerned about the legal implications.

The Right to Life Association is again trumpeting that this is too complex an issue for public opinion to be considered.

The religious opposition, though small in numbers, has been able to stall attempts again and again.

There surely must come the day where a government which wants to be seen to be democratic will implement the wishes of the people it purports to represent.

Policy

One Nation supports voluntary Euthanasia under certain circumstances such as a directive from a "Living Will" and approval from the immediate family and two independent Medical Practitioners.

One Nation states in their policies that it believes in and seeks provisions for Citizen Initiated Referenda.

Unlike other political parties, we believe that by giving the people the opportunity to exercise their right to be inclusive, collective responsibility will provide for stable and successful governance.

The government claims to govern us by adhering to democratic principles.

Then let us have a referendum on all major controversial issues.



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