



MEDIA RELEASE

LET DOWN, *AGAIN*, BY SOME OUT OF TOUCH AND IRRESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

The Dignity in Dying Bill has been railroaded and rejected by the Legislative Council.

The majority of members are shamefully neglecting their duty, as lawmakers, to balance the harm and the good of this bill and provide to the citizens actual evidence of any perceived harm.

Once again this has not been done.

It is an irrefutable fact that some doctors are breaking the law, assisting their suffering patients to die by acceding to requests for voluntary euthanasia and by giving large doses of medication with the explicit intention of ending the patients' lives.

It is outrageous that doctors are being forced to become criminals – risking their personal and professional lives by responding compassionately to their patients' intolerable suffering.

It is outrageous that suffering continues to be forced upon those with a hopeless illness for whom even the best of medical care does not provide relief.

The Dignity in Dying Bill would have given:

- **compassion**
- **control**
- **honesty**
- **transparency**
- **regulation**
- **accountability**

**The present law against choice provides none of this.
The present law is both cruel and dangerously inadequate.**

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WHO VOTED HOW?

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Gago, G (ALP)

Sneath. R (ALP)

Ridgway, D (Lib)

AGAINST (13)

Evans, A (Fam. First)

Cameron, T (Ind)

Stefani, J (Lib)

Lucas, R (Lib)

Zollo, C (ALP)

Lawson, R (Lib)

Lensink. M (Lib)

Stephens, T (Lib)

Xenophon, N (No Pokies)

Holloway, P (ALP)

Redford, A (Lib)

Schaeffer, C (Lib)

Gilfillan, I (AD)