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NEW VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA BILL HAS FULL SUPPORT OF SAVES

The Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2006 has strong safeguards and guidelines. It requires 14 steps to be followed before a person could access an assisted death and 7 more steps under which the law would be accountable in parliament, plus Objects of the Act and a monitoring committee comprised of up to 8 community representatives.

The Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2006 respects everyone's choice and it enables

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

SAVES calls on our MPs to face the facts and redress the cruelty, anarchy and shame of our current law.

Cruelty! - The current law prohibiting choice for voluntary euthanasia is cruel. It effectively demands people suffer until the bitter end; driving some to succeed or fail at suicide by all manner of tragic means, compounding their suffering and that of their families.

Anarchy! - Continual overwhelming evidence shows that 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.

Shame! - Our doctors are being forced to criminal action. They are forced to act covertly, without the benefit of professional consultation and guidelines. They risk prosecution when responding compassionately to their patients' intolerable suffering.

Don't let those MPs who are ideologically opposed to voluntary euthanasia legislation tell you how you should die. It's your right to choose.

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