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VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA LAW NOW IN LUXEMBOURG

BUT WE ARE FORCED TO SUFFER!!

Terminally ill people in Luxembourg now have a right to choose voluntary euthanasia, with the approval of two doctors and a panel of experts.

Voluntary euthanasia is now also a legal possibility in the Netherlands, Belgium, Oregon, Washington and Switzerland.

Montana has obtained a similar right through a court ruling rather than legislation but powerful minority opposing forces are attempting to deny this.

"Australian parliamentarians need to face the fact that countries around the world have looked at the experience of first movers and recognized that safeguards do work." said Frances Coombe, president of SAVES.

"Fear and smear accusations of the slippery slope to murder and mayhem need to be recognized as such; until then a culture of suffering rules over all of us"

It's been 13 years since John Quirke introduced the first voluntary euthanasia bill into our parliament in 1995.

South Australia now has 2 different voluntary euthanasia bills in parliament.

"We do have some compassionate and courageous MPs in support" said Frances

"I urge the 81% of South Australians who support law reform (Newspoll 2007) to tell their MPs

WE WANT THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA.

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