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To all members of the South Australian Parliament

Dear Member,

Those who oppose the Dignity in Dying Bill 2001 are claiming that there are not sufficient safeguards. They are claiming that:

- patients could be pressured into choosing voluntary euthanasia
- patients could impulsively choose voluntary euthanasia
- the process by which doctors assist patients to die is too quick

However the enclosed flow chart will show you very clearly that:

- there are 14 steps that must be followed before the patient's wish can be acceded to
- there are 7 additional steps which ensure that the Bill is monitored closely and held accountable in Parliament
- there are a total of 21 steps as safeguards in this Bill

Further important safeguards are

- "Objects of the Act" and a
- "Monitoring Committee"

All of these features make the Dignity in Dying Bill 2001 a responsible piece of legislation deserving of your support.

I am at your service for any further information you require.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Coombe
President