

## 8 December 2016 – a Black Day for Victoria

On 8 December 2016 the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced that his government plans to introduce euthanasia legislation following the recommendations of the Legislative Council Committee of Inquiry into so-called "End of Life Choices".

Mr Andrews who is often referred to as a "Catholic" i.e. he is a Christian – seems to have ignored the most important of the ten commandments, which most Christians abide by, that is – "thou shall not kill"!

Mr Andrews to his shame was the sponsor of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 in his role as Health Minister.

Since then, abortions have been allowed right up to birth. Tragically and to Victoria's shame it is now known as the place to obtain late term abortions. Just recently our office received a frantic call from a woman from NSW whose daughter was sent to Melbourne for her 23 week abortion! This woman tried in vain to save her grand-child's life!

And only recently, Daniel Andrews stated that his government will provide greater access to terminations! Dear God! This man already has a lot of blood on his hands. And he wants to further extend the killing!

If Victoria allows patient killing the euthanasia floodgates will open all over Australia!

And to think in September 2015 the British House of Commons voted overwhelmingly against assisted suicide.

Prior to that the Scottish parliament did the same!

Why? Too dangerous!

– Margaret Tighe

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## Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

This year we are facing possibly the biggest fight of our lives as we prepare to battle the Victorian Labor government's plans for a bill to allow euthanasia or patient killing.

Frankly – I never thought it would come to this!

For so many years we battled against the abortion juggernaut so that we now live in a state that performs - per capita of our population - more abortions than in the U.K!

One of the British M.P.s Fiona Bruce (Cons. Congleton) told me by email that she and others – drew the Commons' attention to the way in which abortion had escalated in the U.K. since they legalised it in 1969.

It served as a salutary warning to many M.P.s about the dangers of legalising euthanasia. But the most effective warning came from across the English channel – Holland and Belgium where patient killing is out of control!

Victorian M.P.s have been warned by one of their own members – David Mulino (Labor M.L.C) who in his minority report to the Legislative Council's Committee of Enquiry into "End-of-Life-Choices" pointed this out in a scholarly and accurate account of the harm caused by legalising assisted suicide. It seems as though it was "pearls before swine."

In life, Margaret Tighe



**Daniel Mulino M.L.C. (Labor)**  
Eastern Victoria



**Tom Kenyon MLA (Labor) Newlands S.A.**  
"It is always wrong for the state to kill its citizens even when they request it."

## Why did these MPs change their vote on voluntary euthanasia?

In Daily, 17/11/16, Tom Richardson@tomrichardson



**Michael Atkinson**  
Photo: Nat Rogers

The Speaker Michael Atkinson had the deliberative vote, but the euthanasia bill was defeated after Steven Griffiths, John Rau, Troy Bell and Dan Van Holst Pellekaan changed their vote between the second and third reading divisions.

*InDaily spoke with each of them today.*

**Liberal MP Steven Griffiths:**

*I'm a details person, and I've gone through [the debate] word by word...*

*The community's expectation was that the debate occurred and I'm supportive of that principle. I wanted to give the proponents of that legislation the chance to put the reasons for it, and for the opponents to put their reasons too.*

*I, and a lot of others, have a lot of questions in a lot of different areas... I didn't get answers that gave me a lot of comfort that what was proposed was what South Australians need.*

**Labor Deputy Leader John Rau:**

*From my point of view, the Bill was a significant improvement on the previous [Steph Key] bill, but I wasn't comfortable with it.*

*I formed the view the amendments [moved by Labor MP Chris Picton] improved the thing to the point it wasn't inappropriate for us to allow debate... but my concerns were basically about palliative care, and in the end I'm not convinced that that's been properly explored, and I'm not convinced that there's a substantial group – or even a small group – of people who are not able to be adequately comforted by palliative care...*

*We were still arguing into whether the person should be looked after by a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a mental health nurse or whatever... there's these balls in the air, there were drafting issues I wasn't entirely comfortable about, things like 'What's a terminal illness? Does that capture things like chronic illness, like diabetes?'*

**Liberal MP Troy Bell:**

*My concern was around once this was introduced, how do we prevent the bill broadening into an area that isn't consistent with my beliefs; that was probably the thing that concerned me and I couldn't get too many assurances on that.*

*There were things shifting throughout the night and the possible reason for that was just [people trying to] get this bill*



through, ram it through and start making adjustments after that.

Could I support a bill in the future? Yes, as long as I had assurances that it wouldn't be broadened... what's to say as soon as the state opened the door, how do you stop smart lawyers or legislators broadening it to a point where it is now in some countries, where it can be applied for people under 18, or for illnesses that are not terminal, or that the timeframe goes from six months to 12 months to 2 years and beyond that?

That's the part I've really grappled with: if we start this how do we keep it tight?

#### Liberal MP Dan van Holst Pellekaan:

...The two key issues that meant I couldn't support it were, one, that the bill requires two doctors' opinions for a patient to be entitled access to voluntary euthanasia, but the patient would be entitled to go to as many doctors as he or she wanted to find the two that would support the decision. I was uncomfortable with that.

Two, the doctor giving the second qualification could do it an unlimited number of times for an unlimited number of patients.

## Defeat of South Australian Euthanasia Bill



**Mary Collier**  
C.E.O.

Although this was the fifteenth attempt at legalising euthanasia in South Australia – which unhappily was the first state in Australia to legalise abortion in 1970 – we still managed to defeat it very narrowly by one vote!

Right to Life Australia has always worked against the previous euthanasia bills in that State but this time, we did more than usual.

We relied heavily on the highly significant action of the British House of Commons in 2015 when they had overwhelmingly defeated the Assisted Suicide Bill No. 2!

We placed ads in the Adelaide Advertiser as well - on three occasions!

We bombarded M.P.s with much information which illustrated the harm done in those few places in the world where it was legal.

Outstanding though was the work of our C.E.O. Mary Collier who worked tirelessly arranging lobbying of M.P.s –managing to secure a few to change their mind. Putting it simply, Mary never gave up! Well done Mary!

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## Euthanasia or Patient Killing

**Do You Know Last Year The British Parliament Voted Overwhelmingly Against Legalised Patient Killing\*? Why? Too Dangerous!**

\*Assisted Suicide (No 2) Bill, House of Commons (UK) 11/9/15

**Lyn Brown MP (West Ham) (Lab)** "I am afraid that I cannot support this Bill. My concern is that we will fundamentally change the way that our society thinks about and deals with the terminally ill, severely disabled people and the vulnerable, troubled and elderly"

**Fiona Bruce MP (Congleton) (Con)** "Parliament has made its voice clearly heard today, as MPs from across the parties voted down the Assisted Dying (No2) Bill. The most vulnerable, as well as the Courts now have absolute clarity that assisted suicide is not the route this country will go down. That is a victory for the vulnerable...Doctors from places like Oregon and the Netherlands where euthanasia is legal, warned the UK not to make the same mistake – and Parliament has heeded their warnings"

**Frank Field MP (Birkenhead) (Lab)** "...we seem to think this country is populated exclusively by husbands who love their wives, and wives who love their husbands, and grannies, uncles and aunties who all gather around to do the right thing. ...I know perfectly well that in certain circumstances some individuals would have no hesitation in trying to persuade a person that the decent thing to do is to end their life –and especially where money is involved"

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**Baroness Butler-Sloss, House of Lords (UK) MP** "My experience of presiding over the family division of the High Court showed me again and again how subtle and calculated the pressure, coercion and even control exerted on a vulnerable individual can be. The safeguards provide no real protection to the truly vulnerable and they will fall apart if this bill becomes law".

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Graham Preston campaigning  
- photo by Mishka Gora

The Bills could come up for debate as soon as Wednesday 15 February (the first sitting Wednesday) but if not then, then definitely on 1 March (the next sitting Wednesday) and then on any further sitting Wednesdays (15 March, 10 May, etc) if needed.

- The pro-abortionists are planning rallies outside Parliament House at 5.00 pm Thursday February 16 and also at 10.00am Wednesday 1 March. I believe it is important that pro-lifers be there as a peaceful counter-presence at these events. So, if anyone would like to join me on either or both of those days please let me know (either by email or phone 0402 718 382) so that I can bring signs for you. As well, I plan to be at the corner of Alice and William Streets from 7.00 - 9.00am when many politicians drive in, on Wednesday 1 March and possibly other mornings depending on how things work out. Again, if you would like to join me please let me know.

Sincerely, Graham Preston

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June: 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22

Between 8am and 9.30 am

# Live and Let Die?

Kathy Clubb, *The Freedoms Project*, 30/1/17

Last June, the Legislative Council **Legal and Social issues Committee** released their report into End of Life Choices. The report recommended legalising assisted dying within a supposedly strict framework.

...Politicians need to hear from the public about the dangers assisted suicide and euthanasia represent to vulnerable people, health professionals and to society at large.



The picture above was taken at an anti-euthanasia rally, held outside the office of Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews on 1st December 2016.

## U.S.A. - Trump delivers

Janet Albrechtsen, in *The Australian*, 2/2/17, wrote, *"The choice of Supreme Court justice matters to millions of American voters in ways that don't compute in Australia. At the presidential election, exit polls revealed that one in five voters regarded the composition of the Supreme Court as the most important factor in their voting decision. Trump won over 56 per cent of those voters to Clinton's 46 per cent. Can you imagine an Australian voter telling an exit pollster that he or she voted a certain way to ensure the High Court was stacked with the right kind of judges?"*

*Roe v Wade*, the landmark 1973 abortion rights case, detonated the boundaries between law and politics. When a majority of the Supreme Court reworked the words of the due process clause in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to discover a new abortion right for women, it wasn't just anti-abortionists baulking at the blatant judicial activism..

*Constitutionalists, be they lawyers or laypeople, believe that social policies should be legislated by democratically elected politicians, rather than meddling unelected judges. More than 40 years later, abortion rights still rage as a political firestorm because a handful of judges supposed that they should legislate their preferred social policies from the bench."*



# State Sanctioned Killing Bill defeated in South Australia

## Andrew Denton's "Go Gentle" Campaign Fails

– Eugene Ahern and Margaret Tighe

South Australia MP's voted on 17th November, 2016, to defeat the Bill to legalize state sanctioned killing. The euphemistically name "Death with Dignity Bill" would have made it legal for doctors to help their patients to kill themselves with a deadly poison and, worse still, legalize doctors killing those patients incapable of suiciding themselves.

Shamefully the Bill was moved by a medical doctor, Dr McFetridge, a Liberal M.P. This was the fifteenth euthanasia Bill moved and defeated in that Parliament.

Dr. McFetridge's Death with Dignity Bill replaced the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2016 moved by Labor MP Ms Steph Key. His Bill attempted to appear more moderate, yet it would have still legalized state sanctioned killing. He almost succeeded.

This was the fifteenth attempt at legalising euthanasia in South Australia! Frighteningly it was South Australia in 1970 that first legalised abortion in Australia by passing the Liberal Government's bill which was a blueprint copy of the UK abortion Act 1968!

**Ever since 1995 – when the first euthanasia bill was introduced in the S.A. parliament by then Labor M.P. John Quick, Right to Life Australia has done its utmost to defeat each attempt at legalising patient killing.**

**Another S.A. group Family Voice led by Ros Phillips was also faithful to this cause, always doing what they could to oppose these attempts.**

The death peddlers knew the public would not accept a radical change in the law against homicide. Nor would the public accept a dramatic change in doctor-patient relationships in which doctors would become the killers of their patients.

So they used phrases such as death with dignity, assisted dying, help in dying, a peaceful passage and their latest euphemism, "a gentle exit" used by Dr McFetridge himself. They even called the proposed legislation "The Dying with Dignity Bill" which sounds much gentler than Ms Steph Keys Voluntary Euthanasia Bill.

The aim was that the public and even the State MP's would fall victims to their verbal engineering, a stock in trade tactic of the pro-killing movement. Their campaign, had it succeeded, would have resulted in "Death by Euphemism". The Melbourne physician and social commentator Dr Karen Hitchcock has call it "Euphemasia."

The Bill was approved 27 to 19 at the Seconding Reading stage. Then at the Third Reading Stage four MP's changed to vote against the Bill largely because in the lengthy debate, which only ended after 4.00a.m., they saw the dangers in the Bill and they feared its deadly consequences.

The strict prohibition against state sanctioned killing would have been breached had Dr McFetridge's Bill got the vote of only one more MP. The vote was tied 23-23. Then the Speaker of the House, long time euthanasia opponent Michael Atkinson, used his casting vote to achieve the 24-23 defeat of the deadly Bill.

## The Fiercely Fought Pro-Killing Campaign led by Andrew Denton

Andrew Denton flew into Adelaide on 15th October confident that his national crusade to legalize patient killing would have an easy

victory in South Australia. Mr Denton thought South Australia would be the first state to allow what he calls "going gently". He imagined his win in South Australia would be a turning point for Australia.

Mr Denton had already won sympathetic and extensive publicity after his address to the National Press Club in Canberra in August.

According to Mr Denton anyone who has ever watched a loved one dying in pain would never argue against his "medical assisted deaths".

Paul Russell, Director of Hope Preventing Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, called support for the Bill a "tsunami". The tsunami included the news media promoting Mr Denton's "Be The Bill" Campaign and the support of both the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition actively backing the Bill.

## Wide Community opposition to State Sanctioned Killing

The "tsunami" was counted by an extensive grass roots campaign in electorates which Paul Russell had identified as crucial.

**In these electorates Right to Life Australia activated its South Australia members to organize letter writing to MP's. Mary Collier and others in the R.T.L Melbourne office worked the phones tirelessly to organize local delegations to MP's, putting persuasive and logical arguments winning over some MP's. Mary also arranged medical specialists, including palliative care specialists, to see key MP's.**

## Influential Organizations backed the Anti-Killing Campaign

The Public Letter of the Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide, Archbishop Wilson, had an impact on MP's, Catholics and community groups which were then more willing to oppose the Bill to Kill.

The Archbishop wrote, "I want to reaffirm the deep commitment of the Catholic Church to the inherent dignity of each human person. The essence of the Catholic Church teaching on euthanasia is based on respect for all human life, acknowledging that each human life is a sacred gift from God."

Archbishop Wilson called on M.P.'s to oppose the Bill and to promote "proper care of the sick and dying".

The influential Government Whip in the South Australian Legislative Assembly, Mr Tom Kenyon, sent out an email asking for prayers for the defeat of the Bill. "As Christians, our calling is to follow the example Christ. At no point did Christ ever kill anyone," Mr Kenyon told Radio Station 5AA.

The Australian Medical Association South Australian Division put a compelling case against the Bill. The A.M.A highlighted the defects of the Bill, calling it a "bad Bill".

Palliative Care South Australia complained, "The concept of 'dying with dignity' has been hijacked in the euthanasia debate". A media release from the organization pointed out, "We can all die with dignity, if we, as a society, are prepared to value and care for those among us who are approaching death."

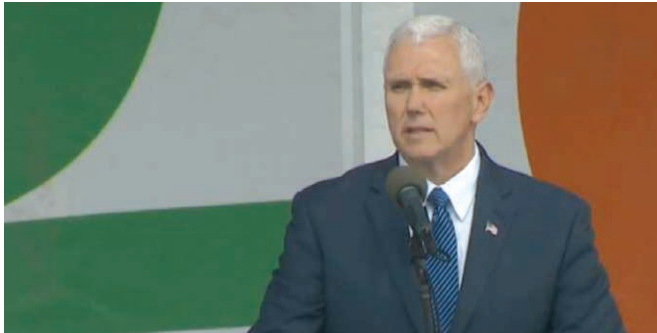
A rally at State Parliament House of groups of disabled voters opposing state sanctioned killing got big coverage in the media. The rally was kicked off by an Open Letter from Ms Sam Connor, a disability activist from Western Australia.

Paul Russell named MP's Tom Kenyon, Michael Atkinson, Sam Duluk, Jennifer Renkine and Stephen as MP's who "epitomise fortitude tenacity and moral and ethical clarity".

All who successfully opposed the Bill to legalize state sanctioned killing deserve recognition and praise.

## VP Mike Pence addresses 2017 March for Life

LifeSiteNews.com WASHINGTON D.C., January 27, 2017



...I'm deeply humbled to stand before you today. I'm deeply humbled to be the first vice president of the United States to ever have the privilege to attend this historic event.

More than 240 years ago, our founders wrote words that have echoed through the ages.

They declared these truths to be self-evident that we are, all of us, endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

44 years ago, our Supreme Court turned away from the first of these timeless ideals.

But today, three generations hence, because of all of you, and the many thousands that stand with us in marches like this all across the nation, life is winning again in America.

...President Trump actually asked me to be here with you today. He asked me to thank you for your support, for your stand for life, and for your compassion for the women and children of America.

...In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you.

## President Donald Trump Nominates Pro-Life-Friendly Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court

Steven Ertelt Jan 31, 2017 Washington, DC (LifeNews)



President Donald Trump tonight has nominated pro-life friendly federal appeals court Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Gorsuch has taken the pro-life side in important cases and written a book excoriating assisted suicide.

The 49-year-old Judge Gorsuch, if confirmed, would replace pro-life Justice Antonin Scalia – who supported overturning *Roe v. Wade* and allowing states to once again provide legal protection for unborn children.

Justice Gorsuch is currently a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, which includes the districts of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, as well as the Eastern, Northern and Western districts of Oklahoma.

...Would a Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch be inclined to overturn the decades-old decision fostering abortion on demand? His record suggests he is open to doing so.

Gorsuch also has made pro-life comments about abortion and strongly opposes assisted suicide. He has written a book, *The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*, which (as Princeton University Press puts it) “builds a nuanced, novel, and powerful moral and legal argument against legalization [of assisted suicide and euthanasia], one based on a principle that, surprisingly, has largely been overlooked in the debate—the idea that human life is intrinsically valuable and that intentional killing is always wrong.”



## U.S. House votes to permanently ban taxpayer funding of abortion

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 24, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) –

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 238 to 183 today to permanently ban taxpayer funding of abortion.

The No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act (HR 7), introduced by Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ, makes permanent the so-called Hyde Amendment permanent. Thus far the amendment, which prohibits federal money from being used to fund abortions through Medicaid, has been subject to annual renewal.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute estimates the Hyde Amendment has saved over two million lives since it was enacted in 1976.

A January 2017 Marist poll revealed 61% of Americans don't support using tax dollars to pay for abortions.

The No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act also removes abortion funding from Obamacare while legislators consider replacements for Obama's signature healthcare law.

According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), 1,036 of Obamacare plans sold in 2014 included abortion on demand. Other Obamacare plans lack transparency on their abortion funding.

...Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-MO, said she was “heartsick” to hear her colleagues celebrating the recent anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and called them out for labeling abortion “care” instead of “taking life.”





Our next 40 Day for Life starts again on Wednesday the 1st of March (Ash-Wednesday) and finishes the 9th of April (Palm-Sunday).

You are invited to spend some time, prayerfully witnessing for our unborn brothers and sisters during these upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign between 7 am and 7 pm.

MELBOURNE: Praying behind one of these 150 meters exclusions zones (see picture) from the abortion place called "Fertility Control Clinic" at 116 Wellington Pde. East Melbourne. Contact Fons, [fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au](mailto:fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au)

SYDNEY: at the "Private Clinic" Corner Devonshire and Holt St. Surry Hills, Contact Paul Hanrahan (02) 9519 9111 [paul@fli.org.au](mailto:paul@fli.org.au)

BRISBANE: Marie Stopes, 8 Campbell St. Bowen Hills, Contact (07) 3149 3289 [40daysbrisbane@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbrisbane@gmail.com)

ADELAIDE: Pregnancy Advisory Centre, 21 Belmont Terrace, Woodville Park, Contact Alan Tyson 0412 389 875, (08) 8364 4516



## What would you like to be remembered for?

The baby boomers are the most affluent generation in history. Of course we want to support our children and grandchildren. But also we want to make a difference, we want to make a mark, to do some good for our community, and to teach our children and grandchildren also to do some good for their community and regard those less fortunate.

So please think "AND" not "OR" when making or updating your Will. Gifting, say, 10% of your estate to the Right to Life sends a message to your children and grandchildren that the Right to Life is an important value to you.

It is about DREAMS. We have a dream of establishing respect and support for every human life, regardless of disability or wantedness, regardless of size, degree of development, age or environment. Our secular consumerist culture is anti-life, so we have to work very hard to change this to a life-respecting culture. Our Pregnancy Counsellors tell us that many mothers simply need permission to have this baby. Others around them say, "It's not the right time," or "not a sensible decision" They need a person to say, "Yes, you can have this baby." Our Pregnancy Counsellors have saved the lives of many children, unexpected but much loved after dealing positively with the initial distress.

We also work for legal protection of children in the womb, and now to stop the killing of old and ill people. The disabled will be next.

It would be a brilliant idea to make a legacy to support the Right to Life of everyone, especially the most vulnerable members of our human family. Our organisation must continue and grow to be a voice for the voiceless, to establish love and justice for the preborn and their mothers, and stop the push for the killing of patients.

When writing or updating your Will, think "AND" not "OR"

### *When you Die, Help Someone to Live*

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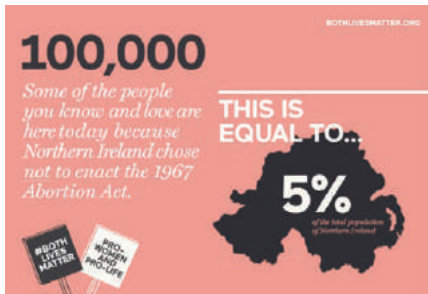


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# News from around the World



## IRELAND [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)

### 100,000 people alive today because 1967 Abortion Act not extended to Northern Ireland

A new report has estimated that the lives of 100,000 people have been saved because of Northern Ireland's pro-life laws.

The report was produced by Both Lives Matter, a new collaborative movement of individuals and organisations seeking to reframe the abortion debate in Northern Ireland. The figure was calculated using termination rates across the rest of the UK.

Spokeswoman Dawn McAvoy said: "There are people alive in Northern Ireland today who would not have been born if the 1967 Abortion Act had been introduced here.

"Using a statistically cautious approach, we estimate there are 100,000 people alive today who would not be had we introduced the 1967 Abortion Act."

The report comes as David Ford, who had been pushing for a law allowing for abortion in cases of "fatal foetal abnormality" before the collapse of the Northern Ireland Assembly on Monday, has vowed to continue his efforts. ...The Northern Ireland Assembly decisively rejected the legalisation of abortion for babies with life-limiting conditions in a vote in February last year.

## IRELAND



### Precious Life welcome collapse of abortion bill in North of Ireland - January 19, 2017 (LifeInst)

Precious Life have welcomed the shelving of David Ford's abortion bill which sought to target seriously ill unborn babies.

...Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life said that one consequence of Stormont's collapse was the shelving of a bill which sought to legalise abortion of unborn babies with life-limiting disabilities, right up to the moment of birth.

... "Yes, a lot of hard work lies ahead with a general election just around the corner, but Precious Life are ready to launch a massive province-wide 'Vote for Life' campaign to ensure that the people of NI vote only for pro-life candidates and those who are pro-abortion will not be elected.

"We are hopeful that the newly elected government will uphold, respect, and protect the rights of every citizen, born and unborn. We are hopeful that perinatal hospice care services will be implemented in every hospital throughout Northern Ireland and women whose unborn babies have been diagnosed with life-limiting disabilities will finally receive the care and support they need. Women and their babies deserve better than abortion," she said.

## HOLLAND

### Netherlands review committee says euthanasia on woman with dementia was done in "good faith."

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

A Netherlands Regional euthanasia Review Committee has decided that a forced euthanasia done on a woman with dementia, where the doctor sedated the woman by secretly putting the drugs in her coffee, was done in "good faith." The committee chair is also urging that the case be reviewed by the court, not to punish the doctor, but to set a precedent concerning these acts. ...



The review committee determined that the woman's declaration in her will did not clearly state that she wanted to be euthanized after being admitted to a nursing home. The words "when I myself find it the right time" does not take into account a situation in which the woman was no longer mentally competent.

...The committee also concluded that the doctor "crossed a line" by giving the woman the first dose of sedative secretly - hidden in a cup of coffee. And that the doctor should have stopped at the woman's movements at the end.

Jacob Kohnstamm, who is the chair of the Regional euthanasia Review Committee, wants the case brought to court to create a precedent to enable other doctors to lethally inject people with dementia, without consent, and without fear of legal repercussions.

...The facts surrounding this death by lethal injection:

- The woman had dementia and was incapable of asking for euthanasia,
- The declaration in her will was not clear,

- She stated several times that she did not want to die,
- She was not informed that a sedative was put in her coffee,
- Her family was required to hold her down so the doctor could lethally inject her.
- The Regional Review Committee found that it was done in "good faith."
- The Regional Review Committee wants the court to hear the case to set a precedent approving the lethal injection of people with dementia, who cannot consent.

As I have said in the past, euthanasia is out-of-control in the Netherlands.

## CANADA

### Euthanasia Could "save Canada Up To \$139 Million A Year" Says Study

[spuc.org.uk](http://spuc.org.uk), 25/1/2017

Doctor assisted suicide could save Canada tens of millions of dollars a year by avoiding costly end of life care, according to researchers at the University of Calgary.

The authors claim that, "as death approaches, health care costs increase dramatically in the final months. Patients who choose medical assistance in dying may forgo this resource-intensive period."

### Costs of killing

Dr. Trachtenberg, an internal medicine resident at the University of Calgary and his co-author, Braden Manns, a nephrologist and health economist, first set out to quantify the costs to the healthcare system of offering euthanasia. They did this by adding up the cost of two medical assessments and of paying a doctor to administer a lethal cocktail of drugs. Then, they factored in the price of the drugs, relying on Alberta's suggested regimen of four medications, and the cost of a pharmacist's time to prepare the medications. They created a "high-cost" and a "low-cost" scenario ("life-ending drugs" can cost as little as \$25).

### No agenda?

The authors stated that, based on an estimate of euthanasia accounting for one to four percent of all deaths in Canada, it would cost between \$1.5-million and \$14.8-million a year - a small figure compared to money spent on end of life care. They calculated that, depending on how many people chose what they call MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) savings to the public purse could be between \$34.7-\$138.8 (£21 - £84) million annually.

Dr Trachtenburg claimed there was "no agenda" to the cost analysis. "We're definitely not suggesting that medical assistance in dying be chosen over any other way of dying" he said.