

From: Linda Williams

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to express my concern about the Government current inquiry into euthanasia.

Life is precious and complex; it includes pain, sickness, happiness, learning and support as part of our life and a package for us as human beings. To kill ourselves and support killing should never be allowed to take place in our society. The impact would be enormous and make our living meaningless and worse, teaching our young generations and saying that only good and healthy people have the right to life; the opposite are less valued and ignore their right to life.

Here is evidence to show you why we need to fight to live:

- Once legalised, any 'narrow' restrictions on state-sanctioned killing quickly fades. In Belgium it is now routine to euthanize the mentally ill and there are now protocols for children.
- In Oregon, more than 50 per cent of those who are assisted to suicide in speak of their concern of being a burden to family and friends.
- AMA statement of disagreement with euthanasia
- The *Hippocratic Oath* that has guided doctors for over 2000 years, states:
"I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgment, but never with a view to injury and wrong-doing. Neither will I administer a poison to anybody when asked to do so, nor will I suggest such a course. *"

Please make good moral exemplary guidance to our new generation and choose to live.

Yours sincerely

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