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Assisted suicide is suicide with help. It is still a form of suicide.	It would confuse the law about helping others to commit suicide.
Patients already have the right to refuse life-saving treatment if they wish to do so.	These days no-one needs to die in pain because there's the option of sedation.
In Flanders (Belgium) a third of euthanasia deaths are never requested.	There is no way of ensuring that a person's choice is truly voluntary.
Many people live longer than doctors expect them to.	In the Netherlands there were 60 euthanasia deaths of people with psychological conditions in 2016.
Because many older citizens already face elder abuse from their families.	It would tell teenagers that suicide is okay.
It would be state-sanctioned suicide, paid for by the New Zealand taxpayer.	Patients may receive a diagnosis that is wrong and act on it to request euthanasia.
Doctors' prognoses for terminally ill patients are frequently inaccurate.	There are no safeguards against emotional abuse and pressure.
Some people could choose death because they are afraid of being a burden.	Doctors cannot always predict accurately how long a person will live.
Doctors are likely to be pressured to agree to help their patients to commit suicide.	People usually change their minds when they receive compassionate care and support.

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It may be applied to new-born infants with disabilities, as in the Netherlands.	It might suggest to young New Zealanders that it is 'reasonable' to take your own life.
Nobody has the right to take someone else's life, even when the person asks for it.	28% of autopsies report at least one misdiagnosis (British Medical Journal, 2012).
Categories of people eligible for euthanasia and assisted suicide will expand over time.	Our current law strikes a good balance and allows the Court to exercise compassion.
Euthanasia and assisted suicide do not provide death by natural causes.	It is likely to include some people who have never asked for it.
Mentally unwell people would be able to request an early death.	It would make it impossible to keep euthanasia under control.
The law would almost certainly be extended to younger Kiwis as time went on.	In Belgium 45-year-old twins who were going blind were euthanased.
The rate for medical misdiagnosis is as high as 10-15%.	We should instead promote the best palliative care.
It may include healthy people in their 70s who are 'tired of life', as in the Netherlands.	Special interest groups will lobby for its provisions to be extended to them.
A right to die can become a duty to die.	It could become a tool for elder abuse.

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People who ask for assisted suicide are usually depressed and change their minds with treatment.	Loneliness is growing in society and it is a common reason to request euthanasia in overseas countries.
Euthanasia goes against the ethics of doctors.	It will lead to an increased tolerance of suicide.
Overseas cases are more likely to be based on unhappiness than on a terminal illness.	People often want assisted suicide because they are afraid of the future.
Emotional pressure on a vulnerable person to request an early death can be difficult to detect.	In Oregon half of those who requested assisted suicide in 2016 felt that they were a burden.
It would not be possible to safeguard the elderly from the abuse of such a law.	It would send the message that suicide is normal and acceptable.
An elderly person might feel obligated to ask for assisted suicide or euthanasia to 'help' their family.	Requests for assisted suicide are extremely rare when people receive good care.
Depressed people could request a doctor to kill them under this Bill.	People who want to die should receive help to live a better quality of life.
In Belgium a 44-year-old with chronic anorexia nervosa was allowed death by euthanasia.	Requests for euthanasia are extremely rare when people receive good care.
It would pose a threat to the equality of people in society.	Elderly people are sensitive to being thought of as a burden.

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Elderly people are susceptible to being thought of as a burden.	Where assisted suicide is legal, people request it mainly for psychological reasons, not pain.
Such a law is unnecessary with good palliative care.	It would be a threat to the equality of people in society.
People could feel pressured to request an early death because it is the cheaper option.	The elderly might feel themselves to be a burden on family and friends.
It is strongly opposed by hospice and palliative care doctors.	In Belgium a 24-year-old with depression was cleared for euthanasia.
There is no realistic way to enforce safeguards.	It's death by lethal drugs, not by natural causes.
Vulnerable patients may get the message that their lives are not valued.	People should be cared for, not helped to kill themselves.
Patients may feel they are being selfish to their families if they do not request it.	It suggests that suicide is a valid solution to life's problems.
Elderly people are likely to be told they have had a good innings.	Sometimes people make choices because they have been abused or pressured.
The law should protect everyone, including those from dysfunctional families.	It would cause society to value elderly and disabled people less, not more.

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It would be easy for adult children to pressure their elderly parents to ask for assisted suicide.	It may encourage young people to feel that suicide is the way out of their difficulties.
Expensive rest home fees create financial pressure for old people to receive euthanasia.	In the Netherlands there has been a steady rise in psychiatric cases without a change in the law.
Because all forms of suicide, including assisted suicide, are a response to suffering of some kind.	The government should help to prevent suicide, not make it easier for people to end their lives.
Vulnerable people may feel a duty to die.	It would normalise early death before the proper time.
There would be a real risk of 'suicide contagion'.	Suicide is already a public health crisis.
It would send the confusing message that some suicides are OK and others are not.	Death should not be seen as the answer to a person's problems.
High-profile cases celebrated in the media will affect suicidal people.	Depressed people should be helped to live, not helped to die.
It is not necessary with excellent palliative care. A person with stubborn pain can be sedated.	You don't discourage suicide by encouraging suicide.
Doctors should heal, not intentionally kill their patients.	Most people with an irreversible disease get depressed at some point.

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Death is not the right response to a person suffering from pain – they need real caring.	It would send a conflicting message about whether suicide is a good thing.
People should have more assisted living, not assisted dying.	It would change the way society thinks about caring for people.
No safeguards can really prevent abuse.	It changes the role of doctors in our society.
It would cause the premature and unnecessary deaths of many Kiwis.	There is no such thing as a right to ask another person to kill you.
We need to focus on how to prevent suicides not encourage them.	In the Netherlands 16% of assisted suicide deaths had recorded complications.
It would water down the suicide prevention message, suggesting that suicide can be okay.	It would have an unequal and unfair impact on disabled people.
Some families could pressure elderly people to request death so they leave a bigger inheritance.	There are other ways to relieve suffering that don't involve killing the person.
The cheapness of euthanasia would tempt governments to save health dollars.	It would be impossible to know if the proper safeguards had been followed.
Most doctors do not want any part in it.	Deliberately killing someone is not healthcare.

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People can regain hope and change their minds.	Safeguards are not enforceable in practice.
It would send a message to disabled NZers that their lives are of lesser value.	It would have a damaging effect on the doctor-patient relationship.
When people receive compassionate care, they often change their minds about wanting to die.	Whether a person is healthy or sick, suicide is still suicide.
It would affect the trust between doctors and their patients.	The government should not make it easier for people to end their lives.
It carries the risk of patients being offered the cheap alternative of death instead of treatment.	It would reduce the push for continued improvements in palliative care.
It would be impossible to know if a person's request was really free.	80% of submissions to the Euthanasia Enquiry were opposed to assisted suicide.
The NZ Medical Association firmly opposes it.	Safe euthanasia is a myth.
It is too dangerous to make it legal for people to intentionally end the lives of other people.	In the Netherlands an elderly woman was held down and forcibly euthanased.
If a doctor did not follow the safeguards, no-one would ever know.	One of every six people who qualify in Oregon suffer from clinical depression.

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I do not want my taxes to support the killing of my fellow citizens.	Deaths from euthanasia sometimes involve complications such as convulsions.
It is not just an individual choice. If it is legalised it involves many people.	There can be financial and social pressures for people to request to die.
In Oregon doctors have prescribed lethal drugs to patients they have known for only a few days.	People might have to explain why they don't want to choose it.
In the Netherlands patients with personality disorders have been euthanased.	It is not fair to ask another person to help you commit suicide.
A right to die can become a duty to die.	Euthanasia contradicts medical ethics.
It could disadvantage the poor who may not have access to the best healthcare.	Requests for assisted suicide are extremely rare when patients receive good care.
When people connect with what gives their lives meaning, they change their minds.	Some murders could be covered up as assisted suicides. It's best to keep the law as it is.
Terminal illness is only the beginning of the conditions which would qualify under this Bill.	Patients may have to justify why they do NOT want to accept euthanasia in the future.
An elderly person might think that asking for euthanasia is the right thing to do.	The only difference between suicide and assisted suicide is the number of people involved.

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There is no requirement that the doctor needs to know the patient.	In the Netherlands a quarter of euthanasia deaths are never reported.
Unfortunately not all families are loving and trustworthy.	Elderly and terminally ill people often change their minds about wanting to die.
Suicide is already a problem among Maori people and this law is likely to make it worse.	With good hospice care a person's wish to die usually disappears.
Canadian paediatricians are increasingly being asked by parents to euthanase their disabled or dying children.	People should be cared for, not helped to kill themselves.
Most disability groups around the world are against it.	It would make suicide prevention even harder.
Patients facing death have the right to the best palliative care.	It contains no realistic safeguards to protect vulnerable Kiwis.
It may well encourage people to act on a diagnosis which could be a mistaken one.	Usually people change their minds about wanting die when they receive compassionate care.
Hospice care provides real 'death with dignity'.	Such a law would be wide open to abuse.
At the same rate as the Netherlands there would be 1200 euthanasia each year in New Zealand.	Improvements to palliative care for all New Zealanders are the real way forward.

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In the Netherlands dementia patients have received euthanasia without understanding what is happening.	If medication is not enough, a person can be sedated. Everyone can die without pain.
Most of us know people who have lived much longer than their doctors thought they would.	It is similar to the Dutch and Belgian law which has led to the euthanasia of psychiatric patients.
It includes many conditions which are not terminal.	It would effectively allow euthanasia on demand.
True compassion is to help a person find hope.	It can lead to unfair pressure on sick people.
The Bill's supporters sole focus on terminal illness is a smokescreen – it includes many more conditions.	It is unclear about who would decide whether suffering was 'unbearable'.
It would encourage the sick to see themselves as a financial and emotional burden to others.	The Bill does not contain a definition of 'medical condition', meaning mental illness would qualify.
It does not allow for any future medical breakthroughs.	Suicide should be discouraged, not promoted.
Safeguards cannot protect people from emotional abuse and pressure.	When a person is depressed their judgement is impaired, making them vulnerable to this bill.
Depression is notoriously difficult to diagnose properly.	Many people cancel their euthanasia request once they are appropriately treated.

