

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 30 July 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Hon Maggie Barry, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 4A

After *clause 4* (page 4, after line 31), insert:

4A Principles

A person exercising a power or performing a function or duty under this Act must have regard to the following principles:

- (a) every human life has equal value:
- (b) a person's autonomy should be respected:
- (c) a person has the right to be supported in making informed decisions about their medical treatment, and should be given, in a manner the person understands, information about medical treatment options including comfort and palliative care:
- (d) every person approaching the end of their life should be provided with quality care to minimise their suffering and maximise their quality of life:
- (e) a therapeutic relationship between a person and the person's health practitioner should, wherever possible, be supported and maintained:
- (f) individuals should be encouraged to openly discuss death and dying and an individual's preferences and values should be encouraged and promoted:

- (g) individuals should be supported in conversations with the individual's health practitioners, family and carers, and community about treatment and care preferences:
- (h) individuals are entitled to genuine choices regarding their treatment and care:
- (i) there is a need to protect individuals who may be subject to abuse:
- (j) all persons, including health practitioners, have the right to be shown respect for their culture, beliefs, values, and personal characteristics.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper adds the principles set out in section 5 of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act of Victoria, Australia. In order to guide any review of decisions made under the End of Life Choice Act, the principles under which those decisions should be made must be set out.