

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 20 August 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Simeon Brown, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 11

In *clause 11(4)*, after *paragraph (a)* (page 8, after line 15), insert:

- (aa) certify that their decision is not a result of undue pressure or coercion from—
 - (i) the patient; or
 - (ii) the patient’s whānau or significant others; or
 - (iii) professional colleagues; or
 - (iv) the first attending medical practitioner; and

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 11* of the End of Life Choice Bill to certify that the independent medical practitioner ensure that their decision is not the result of undue pressure from those surrounding that individual, particularly the whānau and significant others, professional colleagues, first attending practitioner, or the patient. This ensures that the independent medical practitioner is protected from being coerced into a decision, and empowers and requires them to consider and ensure they have not been coerced in any way, and prevent any further progress if they have reason to believe that is the case.