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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## THE KILL BILL Assisted suicide legislation

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Dear Members & Supporters,

Alex Greenwich's <u>Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021</u> makes the act of one person killing another legal in NSW, that is the simple fact of the matter.

Canada has fully legalised Euthanasia since <u>June 2016</u> (legal in Quebec since 2015). The Canadian Government's own stats confirm that <u>21 589 Canadians have been killed</u> since enactment in 2016. Based on annual reporting from the Canadian Government that figure has <u>increased year on year</u>.

This should cause worry to Australians as Canada is very similar to us, we speak the same language, we are both constitutional monarchies, our legal systems are based on common law and our values are alike as well. Could thousands be killed in Australia if Euthanasia was legalised? Absolutely.

A particular disturbing part of this legislation is <u>Division 5 – Written Declaration</u> whereby a person who has allegedly requested to be euthanised may appoint another person to provide a written declaration on their behalf. Euthanasia is to be classified as a form of medical treatment. Rev Nile warns that "advocates for euthanasia could try to amend this current draft legislation to make it easier to kill patients under the pretence of medical treatment".

The Christian Democratic Party has been the crucial vote in defeating similar euthanasia legislation in 2017 and fully intends to vote NO again. We stand for life.

Yours faithfully,

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