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Euthanasia law abused

FamilyVoice Australia is warning that the abuse of euthanasia law in Australia, **as seems to have occurred recently in Queensland**, will become widespread unless the culture rejects the option of suicide and ‘mercy killing’.

FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima has raised concern that an elderly Queensland widower allegedly used euthanasia drugs prescribed for his terminally ill wife to end his own life.

“The misuse of euthanasia law occurs in every jurisdiction that legalises so-called mercy killing, and this will increase in Australia unless the culture rejects euthanasia and suicide,” David d’Lima said.

“The law has an inherently educative function, for the benefit or detriment of society, and unfortunately the legal approval of death must be resisted at the grass roots level by schools, churches and community groups.”

Of additional concern to FamilyVoice Australia is a push in Victoria to enable people in regional areas to have conversations with medical personnel about voluntary assisted dying over the phone or via teleconference.

“This move demonstrates how the authorities themselves won’t abide by the so-called safeguards they built into euthanasia legislation, and they want to extend the boundaries,” David d’Lima said.

“While the authorities are failing to resist the trend towards unlimited access to euthanasia, the culture through its schools, churches and community groups must resist the option of suicide and so-called mercy killing.”

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