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Further to my submission sent at 2.49 pm today I forgot to add that the draft as presented attacks the right of doctors to free speech on any issue effecting our citizens either for or against a subject.

One politician actually changed his mind on voting for the Bill to allow euthanasia in the NT and the ACT as a result of speaking to Drs on this issue. This Bill will surely impact on doctors ability to comment on such issues if passed. Dr Van Gend is an excellent example of how he is harassed simply because of his interests outside the medical profession. He has every right to participate in discussions on any subject just like anyone else as has every doctor. You can agree or disagree but that does not change his right to speak.

As someone who has worked as an unpaid volunteer for almost 28 years, had represented an NGO (UNESCO status) at the United Nations in New York for 6 years and lived in Brussels for 8 years, mother of 5 children (4 daughters and one son) a grandmother of 13 children (5 boys and 8 girls) and a great grandmother of 2 (one girl and one boy) I find it totally necessary these days to keep up to date with so many changes being introduced often which are totally unnecessary, which in this case a draft that is not need and totally unnecessary.

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