

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 30 July 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

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

Clause 4

In *clause 4*, replace “irreversible decline in capability” (page 4, line 26) with “increasing disability”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 4(d)* to ensure the language accurately reflects the state in which someone is in when they are dying, becoming more disabled. Many people spend extensive periods of their lives with various degrees of fluctuating capability, yet with overall wellbeing. The point in question concerning physician assisted suicide is disability, limiting wellbeing of the individual in question, rather than the capability of the individual, speaking to functions they may perform.