

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 1 May 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Simon O'Connor, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 29

After *clause 28* (page 19, after line 26), insert:

29 Expiry

This Act and the amendments made by this Act expire 3 years after the commencement of this Act.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the End of Life Choice Bill. It recognises that there is a very significant body of evidence raising concerns about the practices of euthanasia and assisted suicide. International experience suggests that these practices tend to expand over time and to pose particular risks to vulnerable populations such as the elderly, those who are lonely and socially isolated, and people with disabilities. It guards against these risks by inserting a sunset clause providing for the expiry of the Act 3 years after its commencement.