



New Zealand House of Representatives
Te Whare Māngai o Aotearoa

Petitions Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Petihana

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Petition of Right to Life New Zealand Inc.: Repeal the End of Life Choice Act 2019

The Petitions Committee has considered the petition of Right to Life New Zealand Inc., which was presented to the House on 21 May 2025 by Reuben Davidson. The petition was signed by 270 people, and requests:

That the House of Representatives repeal the End of Life Choice Act 2019.

The petitioner made a written submission which expressed its belief that the first duty of the state is to protect the life of every member of the community from conception to natural death. The petitioner expressed concern that, if not repealed, the Act would be amended to include more New Zealanders.

We recently considered the petition of Social Justice Aotearoa which asked that the End of Life Choice Act be expanded to include degenerative disease.¹ We referred that petition to a Minister for response, under Standing Order 380. The Minister's response was presented to the House on 8 May 2025.² It included this comment:

Given the range of differing views among New Zealanders on the matter, the Government will not be proposing any changes to the Act.

We think the Minister's response is as relevant to this petition as to the previous one. No changes are being proposed to the Act. We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

¹ [Petition of Social Justice Aotearoa: Amend the End of Life Choice Act 2019 to include degenerative disease.](#)

² [Government Response to the petition of Social Justice Aotearoa: Amend the End of Life Choice Act 2019 to include degenerative disease.](#)

Presented to the House of Representatives
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