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Victorian State Election Candidate Survey - November 2014

## Candidate Comments - Question 4

**Question 4. Voluntary Euthanasia:** would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance?

**Australian Country Alliance | Murray Plains District | WINN, Bryon**

The Australian Country Alliance has no stated policy so this issue would be up to a conscious vote.

**Australian Country Alliance | Ripon District | DOMASCHENZ, Trevor**

Voluntary euthanasia. I have not long buried both my parents who were both very intelligent thinking individuals. They both had long term terminal illnesses I found both wanted pain free deaths. I think my father was maybe assisted a bit whereas my mother wanted to hang on regardless and there opinions changed when faced with it. No easy answers.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Cranbourne District | PERERA, Jude**

ALP Response: Conscience issue.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Mildura District | ROBERTS, Shane**

I work in the health industry and support the idea but I am not convinced that Victoria is prepared for such legislation at this point in time. We have had great discussion about using medical cannabis and I think our focus should be on implementing medical cannabis and then moving the discussion towards voluntary euthanasia.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Wendouree District | KNIGHT, Sharon**

I would support a bill that allows a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance. However, I would need to see the details of the bill first.

**Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Northern Victoria Region | SYMES, Jaclyn**

I am not opposed to voluntary euthanasia but can't say I would support a Bill or not without seeing its detail.

**Independent | Bayswater District | CARBONARI, John**

Domestic directions are for pacifism.

**Independent | Mildura District | CLUTTERBUCK, Jo**

I do not have enough information on this subject to make a decision

**Independent | Pascoe Vale District | TIMPANO, Francesco**

The information provided is inadequate to make a yes/no response or I am yet to adopt a firm position on the issue and am undertaking further study/research and analysis before deciding.

**Independent | Prahran District | MENADUE, Alan Maxwell**

This not as simple a matter; "strict guidelines" is not a correct wording for any piece of Legislature, and I believe this is a complex case of morals and ethics that is not at a satisfactory level of consensus of its wording let alone a philosophy - even of an Atheist. Sincerely, Alan Maxwell Menadue Independent for State District of Prahran

**Independent | Sunbury District | LOPEZ, Billy**

Unsure

**Rise Up Australia Party | Narre Warren North District | WHITE, Robert George**

As a member of Rise Up Australia Party my answer is No. But I do have personal reservations about this

**Rise Up Australia Party | Eastern Victoria Region | GENTLE, Yvonne**

I am worried about supporting such a bill although I could agree with the statement in some individual cases. My thinking is that if such legislation were passed it could be misused, twisted and cause psychological issues with those that are involved in administering such assistance to patients and to family members.