

Media Statement

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Calvary Health Care response to VAD Bill South Australia

“Calvary Health Care does not support Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) and is saddened that the VAD Bill has passed the House of Assembly in South Australia.

“The amendments by Mr Steve Murray MP to protect the rights of institutions to Conscientious Objection in the Bill is a landmark recognition of the importance of this principle in Australian law.

“The recognition of Institutional Conscientious Objection means that Calvary can continue to serve the people of South Australia in that we will be able to offer high quality hospital and end of life care to our patients and clients without being compromised by VAD.

“Calvary thanks Mr Steve Murray MP, Mr Dan Cregan MP, Dr Susan Close MP, and all members who supported the amendments.

“In all of our hospitals and aged care facilities, the people we care for and the people who provide care know our services will not offer VAD. We know that people will continue to seek out our services because of this ethic and our ongoing commitment to compassionate care.”

Mr Jim Birch AM, Chair, Little Company of Mary Health Care

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About Calvary

Founded in 1885 by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Calvary is a charitable, not-for-profit, Catholic health care organisation. Our mission is to provide quality, compassionate health care to the most vulnerable, including those reaching the end of their life. We're responsible for over 12,000 staff and volunteers, 14 Public and Private Hospitals, 15 Retirement and Aged Care Facilities and 22 Community Care Centres. To find out more visit www.calvarycare.org.au. To find out more about Calvary in South Australia visit www.calvarysa.org.au