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State Assisted Suicide – Bishop Expresses Disappointment as Bill Passes Upper House

Broken Bay Bishop Most Rev Anthony Randazzo has expressed his disappointment after a marathon debate in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament effectively legalised voluntary assisted dying in this state.

The Bishop joined other church leaders, religious healthcare providers and pro-life groups in expressing his concern, saying it was an extremely disappointing situation when we accepted the sanction of the state to determine who lives and who dies.

“Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering,” Bishop Randazzo said.

“A genuinely human society is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them.

“While deeply moved by many comments aired during the years of this debate, it is clear the social mood and the narrative has evolved in a way that the language of personal rights now dominates our concern for the common good.

“We should be considering and caring for the rights of all citizens to be well, to have the care they need, and not lost to the margins.

“We now have to consider what this means to our health care and aged care, the vulnerable and confused.

“Now more than ever we must ensure members of our family, friends, those who are alone, the vulnerable in our community know and understand that they are loved, that we will be with them in their journey, and that they are not a burden.”

NSW State MPs voted down a voluntary assisted dying bill in 2017.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021) was introduced into the NSW Parliament by Independent MP Alex Greenwich.

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