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|    | <p>No response received<br/> <i>"Prime Minister Bill English says he'll vote against any legislation allowing euthanasia in New Zealand."</i> (2017)</p>  |
|    | <p>Conservative Party opposes the decriminalisation of Euthanasia.</p>  |
|    | <p>No official response<br/> <i>"Labour (leader) Jacinda Ardern, also on The AM Show, said she would vote for (euthanasia)."</i> (April 2017)</p>   |
|    | <p>Section 15 of our Health Policy outlines our End of Life policy. We support a law change to allow an individual access to medically-assisted dying, providing that, as a minimum, a series of safeguards are included. These specific safeguards are set out in detail on pages 8-9 of our Health Policy.</p>  |
|    | <p>Leader David Seymour has a Private Member's Bill changing the law to allow assisted suicide / euthanasia. It would be a conscience vote for ACT MPs.</p>   |
|    | <p>This is a misleading term, as no one is advocating euthanasia in the current discourse. What is being talked about is allowing assisted dying for those with terminal conditions. The main issue with this is ensuring that no one is being pressured into taking up assisted dying, which requires appropriate checks and balances including sufficient funding for end of life care. With this in place there is no reason to not allow a person to choose how they end their life. Currently that happens with people going nil by mouth – essentially starving themselves to death. This is a cruel way to manage end of life choices.</p> |
|    | <p>Again, we believe that in matters pertaining to life and death, decisions are best made in the context of Whānau Ora – the whānau determining the best outcomes for their whānau. We place high value on whakapapa - the sacred genealogical lines of one's descent. As Māori, we need to be confident that the respect we have for whakapapa, for whanaungatanga, and for tikanga are fully understood by ourselves and others.</p>   |
|   | <p>New Zealand First policy is that the vote on Euthanasia should not be left to temporarily empowered politicians but for the public to decide by a binding government or citizens initiated referendum, after a period of public debate.</p>  |
|  | <p>We view it as a matter of conscience. However, we do think it is time for a wider debate in the community about advanced care planning. A discussion that includes not only euthanasia, but other issues like palliative care. If there will be any legislation it should flow after that debate has taken place.</p>  |