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CITTAMANI HOSPICE SERVICE - POSITION ON EUTHANASIA

Currently in Australia, the issues of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide are frequently debated and are seen as important matters for our society to consider. These issues are highly complex and raise significant ethical concerns.

Cittamani Hospice acknowledges that there is a broad range of opinions on this issue within the Australian community which reflect our diversity of cultures and belief systems. We recognise that some people may elect to request euthanasia, or physician assisted suicide.

At Cittamani our focus is on supporting clients and families to achieve their goals and wishes as best we can, however, **Cittamani staff will not be involved with euthanasia, or physician assisted suicide.**

The reasons for this are as follows:

- Euthanasia is not in accordance with the values of our organisation which include respecting the value and dignity of all life.
- Our belief, like that of Palliative Care Australia, is that the practice of palliative care does not include euthanasia or physician assisted suicide.
- Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide are illegal in Queensland.

In our practice, we do not intend to either hasten or postpone death.

The main goals of our care are symptom relief, minimising suffering, and improving the client's quality of life.