

'euthanasia' both sides of the argument but

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'Euthanasia' is derived from two Greek words which translate to 'a good or easy death.' (Tarakson, 2008). Active Voluntary Euthanasia is the deliberate killing of a human being by a direct action such as a lethal injection to end or to relieve persistent suffering. There are two types of Euthanasia; voluntary which is conducted with consent and non-voluntary which is conducted without consent where another person will make the decision for the patient as they are unable to.

However, my research is on Voluntary euthanasia which is performed with consent. Voluntary euthanasia is currently legal in Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and the states of Oregon and Washington in the U.S. (Timothy J. Legg, 2017) It currently is not legal in Australia except in the Northern Territory under the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995 (NT).

Although recently a Euthanasia bill was passed in Victoria legalising Voluntary Euthanasia at the end of 2017 and now will soon become law. It is highly likely that NSW and other states in Australia will be effected by Victoria's decision. Euthanasia is a very topical debate with strong points on both sides of the argument but what are Australian attitudes to Euthanasia? Is it ethical?