

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

**Tuesday, 30 July 2019**

**End of Life Choice Bill**

*Proposed amendment*

Hon Dr Nick Smith, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Clause 4*

In *clause 4*, replace *paragraph (e)* (page 4, lines 27 and 28) with:

- (e) experiences pain the attending medical practitioner considers unmanageable; and

**Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper replaces the bar-2 bill's individually defined unbearable suffering requirement for eligibility for assisted dying with a requirement that the person's attending medical practitioner consider the person to be experiencing pain that is unmanageable. The bar-2 bill, which has made only minor changes to clause 4(e) from the bar-1 bill, considers only individually defined tolerance for suffering, leaving the person open to greater likelihood of coercion. Requiring that the attending medical practitioner consider the pain to be unmanageable would limit this potential by restricting assisted dying to those whom a doctor considers will still experience pain, even with attempts to manage it.