

End-of-Life Choice is the organisation promoting the campaign YES To Dignity In Dying

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The survey was conducted among 1,341 adults between April 19 and 29, 2019. All respondents were aged 18 years or over and are members of Horizon Research's nationwide Horizon Poll research panel. Results were weighted to represent the New Zealand adult population at the most recent census. At a 95% confidence level, the maximum margin of error on the overall sample is +/- 2.7%.

The survey was conducted in accordance with the online research rules of Research New Zealand, the research industry's professional association, of which Horizon and its officers are members.

This document outlines recent results of a survey the End-of-Life Choice Society commissioned Horizon Research to conduct.

Compared with answers for the same two questions asked in the May 2017 Horizon survey<sup>1</sup>, support has remained as strong for end of life choices. Nearly four times as many adults support medical assistance to die(74%) for those experiencing irreversible unbearable suffering at end stage terminal disease than oppose (19%).

65 % support medical assistance to die in the case of irreversible unbearable suffering which may not cause death immediately, with 19% opposed.

This survey indicated that support was higher than average among those who voted for the Labour, Green and ACT parties.

<sup>1</sup> Horizon Research End of Life Choices Survey of 1,247 adults between May 13-26, 2017. Margin of error at a 95% confidence level +/- 2.7%. Do you support a law change to allow medical practitioners to assist people to die where such a request has come from a mentally competent patient, 18 years or over, who has end stage terminal disease & irreversible unbearable suffering? (e.g. cancer)



74% support a law change

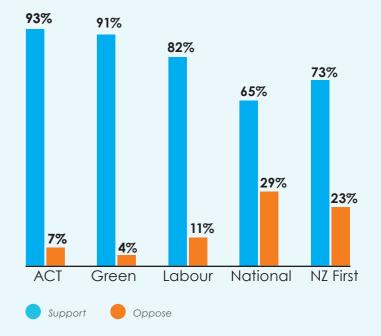


19% oppose a law change



"I wish that all those who don't want euthanasia would just not do it, as is their right, and let those who need to stop unbearable terminal pain do so if they choose."





Do you support a law change to allow medical practitioners to assist people to die where such a request has come from a mentally competent patient, 18 years and over, who has irreversible unbearable suffering which may not cause death in the immediate future? (e.g. motor neurone disease or some other degenerative or irreversible condition)



65% support a law change



19% oppose a law change



"I live with pain, I have lived with pain all my life, I want to be able to choose the method of my death when I feel that way, the doctors and politicians have not helped me much in my life with pain, so I do not want to be dependent on their opinions or personal prejudices at the end of my life. I want the right to choose."

## Support and opposition by 2017 Party Vote

