



MAiD for Mental Illness



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Canadians are concerned that the current legislation for medical assistance in dying (MAiD) puts the lives of people with mental illness at risk.

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of the majority of Canadians ?*

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Fifty-one per cent of Canadians oppose MAiD criteria that include mental health as a sole condition. Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be a symptom of some mental illnesses.

It is unthinkable that in Canada, it may be easier to access death than treatments and support to live. One in 10 people will wait more than four months for counselling, while the general waiting period for MAiD is three months.

Experts agree that it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict who will recover from a mental disorder.

Suicide prevention crisis lines are only part of the answer to adequate support for Canadians struggling with mental health needs. There are long waiting lists for ongoing treatment, and it can be expensive.

Legislation to allow mental illness as a sole condition for MAiD must be revoked!