In 2016, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) reviewed its policy on ‘euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.’ Existing policy was opposed. A key element of the review was a survey of Australian doctors. Survey design was amateurish, with multiple significant biases against assisted dying.

Less than a third of Australian doctors are AMA members. Only AMA members were invited to participate in the survey, despite the AMA claiming it represents all Australian doctors.

Key results, despite biases against assisted dying

- 59.7% of AMA doctors who said euthanasia should be provided by doctors if lawful
- 51.6% of AMA doctors who said euthanasia can form a legitimate part of medical care
- 49.8% of AMA doctors who agreed with the AMA’s policy opposed to assisted dying
- 40.3% of AMA doctors who agreed with the AMA’s statement that doctors should never provide euthanasia

AMA Executive sidesteps key evidence

Despite ample evidence contradicting its official opposition, the AMA Executive concluded that its policy would remain opposed, rather than change to neutral.

The AMA has publicly promoted its “Position Statement” opposed to assisted dying, while its Code of Ethics, revised at the same time, remains completely silent on the matter.

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