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Here are some key facts:

1. Who is eligible will be a guessing game

- Doctors are often wrong when predicting how long someone has to live
- Doctors make mistakes when diagnosing illnesses

2. This law puts vulnerable people at risk

- Doctors are only required to 'do their best' at making sure someone is not being pressured
- Doctors may have no relationship with the person requesting assisted dying
- Doctor can only talk with family/whanau if person agrees so this could all happen without knowledge of family and friends

3. Doctors do not want to do this

- The World and NZ Medical Association are absolutely opposed to this in medicine
- 1700 doctors have signed an open letter saying they do not want this in medicine

4. This law provides little time to reflect

- A person may die within 4 days of first making their request- there is no cooling off period
- There is little time to reflect and reconsider or for treatments to work

5. Encouraging assisted suicide is not prohibited

- It is not an offence under the Act for a person to encourage someone else to request assisted death
- New Zealand has a terrible record of elder abuse

Vote No to this Act. It is too risky, with few safeguards that rely on guesswork.

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