

The Secretary
Victorian Law Reform Commission.



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Dear Sir / Madam,
Unfortunately I am not "on line" however in the "Stonnington News" ^{24/11} there is a short paragraph requesting submissions regarding binding funeral and burial instructions.

While most people are likely WITHIN REASON follow the requests of departed family members this is impossible to enforce for many reasons - the main one being economic.

Also for example a surviving daughter or son may hate the departed parent so much they would simply walk away from the situation and leave the State to deal with it.

A pauper may want a lavish funeral but nobody may have the desire let alone the means to pay for it.

How are divorced couples to be dealt with especially if they have a new family and are up to their ears in debt?

Also a surviving husband or wife with children may need the money for day to day expenses NOT a fancy funeral which cost 1000's!

It is commonsense to leave things as they are! however where the law needs changing is when individuals are in a parlous physical state and if they request it should be given the means of humane assisted dying.

Sincerely

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