



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON END OF LIFE CHOICES

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The inquiry into end of life choices

As previously announced, a Parliamentary committee is conducting an inquiry into the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end of life choices.

The Committee is very pleased with the response from the public to its call for submissions.

The Committee Chair, Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA stated:

The Committee has now accepted more than 680 submissions received in response to its invitation to the public.

I want to thank all those who have taken the time to make a submission.

Submissions range from individuals sharing their deeply personal and powerful stories, advocacy organisations, government agencies, religious institutions, professional associations, academics and a range of others.

Many of the submissions are already available on the Committee's website and more will become available as the Committee has an opportunity to process these.

This is a topic that affects us all and I would encourage people to read the submissions for themselves.

Submissions can be found on the Committee's website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au/eolcc.

The Committee is now moving to the next stage of its inquiry process and will be conducting a series of public hearings on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 and Thursday, 14 December 2017, commencing each day at 11:00 am. More hearings, including some conducted in regional areas, are expected to be held next year.

The Committee will be taking evidence from representatives of various areas within the Department of Health, relevant professional associations and not for profit service providers, as follows:

13 December 2017 (from 11:00am) Department of Health	14 December 2017 (from 11:00am) Professional associations & not for profit service providers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Cancer & Palliative Care Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aged Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Psychiatrist (WA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Medical Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Palliative Care WA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Country Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carers WA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance Care Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silver Chain

The hearings will be held at the Legislative Council Committee Rooms, Ground Floor, 18-32 Parliament Place, West Perth. The hearings will be broadcast on the Committee's website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au/eolcc and transcripts will also be published on the website as soon as these are available.

For further details about the inquiry or hearings please contact the Legislative Assembly Committee office on 9222 7494.

Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson can be contacted for comment on 9275 7000.