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SUBMISSION

The Joint select Committee
 on End of Life Choices
 Level 1 / 11 Hawest Terrace
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Dear Sirs,

Submission to the Enquiry into the need
 for WA laws to allow citizens to make
 informed choices for end of life.

As a General Practitioner in the
 Riverdale/Belmont area over the past 30 yrs.
 I have been intimately involved in
 the care of the elderly, the disabled
 and the terminally ill, both in the
 community and in Residential care facilities.

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I believe that the current Palliative care system, works well but could be better resourced, to support the needs of the terminally ill.

When individuals, in my care, are aware of limited options for a "cure" and return to full health, we seek the opinions of specialised medical, nursing and palliative care services. The individual, supported by family, friends and significant loved ones, may chose to abandon the futility of burdensome medical interventions, drugs, hospital visits and chose to focus on quality of living out their last days. With a team of health professionals to support me, I have been able to keep patients comfortable during their last days.

To further support this process, I ask the committee to increase the funding and availability of Palliative care services, to remote and regional western Australia.
Yours faithfully,

DR. FRANCES MEYER KORT