

First of all, I would like to state that I am over 88 years of age, and I have been supporting Exit international from the beginning.

Over the years I have seen firsthand the pain and suffering not only members of our family, but also of friends who have died waiting for the body to break down before they could die, and in doing so enduring pain which was beyond human endurance, one of those cases, was my father who was in so much pain that he disfigured himself to the point where he was barely recognisable, and this could have all been avoided simply by changing the laws to allow voluntary Euthanasia, which when applied would allow end of life in a matter of minutes not days.

I have always believed that the human race should have the right to die in absolute peace at a time and place of their choosing, especially when it becomes terminal, as the medical profession is well aware that this can take place, but of course we need to change the laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end of life choices.

I have already submitted to my doctor regarding an advanced health directive, enduring power of attorney and enduring power of guardianship laws, with the hope that V.E would become legal in Western Australia, if not Australia.

By changing the laws to give doctors the right to make these decisions is essential to allow for Voluntary Euthanasia, to take place on request, especially from a patient whose illness is terminal, this would take away the stigma of suicide and allow the patient to have their family by their side, when the time comes.

I hope that the W.A. Parliamentary committee on end of life choices, views, my submission seriously, where I would hope for a positive outcome.

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Date 17/10/2017 My submission is in the post.