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 The principal Research Officer of the  
 Joint Select Committee on the End of Life Choices  
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### **SUBMISSION**

Principal Research Officer of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices  
 Inquiring into the Need for Laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed  
 Choices regarding their own end of life choices.

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### **General Position:**

Please note that I Do Not Support changing current State Laws to provide for Voluntary euthanasia or Physician Assisted Dying.

I believe the current Laws provide sufficient provision for each citizen to make informed choices on their end of Life Options

### **Rationale:**

1. If knowledge of when a person is going to die was meant to be, we would all have been gifted with the day and time and manner in which we would die - But it is not ! To change this intrinsic "unknown" is to interfere and change the very nature of Human life.
2. That no one has a right to interfere or change another's life, is why there are laws (punishable) in place against killing another person. Euthanasia ( not matter how subtly disguised) is just that - giving another, physician, guardian etc.. the right to end the life of another - this, by very nature is contradictory to the right to Life.
3. Euthanasia and PAD though seeming humane defeat the very nature of humanity - which is a right of life - Not Death - and no Law Changing would be justified to make it Right.
4. Should the Laws be allowed to change, it would then single out the Chronically & Terminally ill people. Soon arguments will come into play to say that these laws are biased and need to include other groups too - Where will this end - eventually everyone will want to choose the time and place and manner to die (ill or not) for themselves and others too. This would be totally contrary to the basic laws of Nature and the right to Life.

In conclusion, I do not support or believe there is any need to change the Laws in Western Australia that govern "Advance Health Directives and Enduring Power of Guardianship make sufficient provision for citizens to make informed choices about their end of life options".

I do not wish to appear before the Committee to present my case:

Sincerely

Michael Menezes

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