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Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2017 6:24 AM
To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>
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The Principal Research Officer,
Select Committee on End of Life Choices

Dear Committee Members,

MY INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

I am in my 80th year and in good health but had friends who despite the best and legal palliative care, suffered and appealed to have an end to their life. To allow a dog to experience similar agony and suffering is illegal. My father was a Uniting Church minister and until recently I was an Anglican Bishop's Warden. With this as my background, I became the WA representative of Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia.

GENERAL COMMENTS.

Prior to the WA Election of 11TH March, I emailed all candidates for whom I had email addresses. A summary of the replies of the survey are attached.

A national Morgan Poll in 2002 revealed that a majority of Christian worshippers supported 'end of life choices'. Anglican 81%, Catholic 69%, Uniting Church 74%, Lutheran 74%, Baptist 68%.

A co-founder of Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia, Baptist Minister Rev. Trevor Bensch says: ***"My call for legal Voluntary Euthanasia is compassionate and thoroughly consistent with the teachings of Jesus"***. A similar view is held by former Anglican Archbishop of South Africa, Desmond Tutu who says; ***"I have been fortunate to spend my life working for the dignity of the living. Now I wish to apply my mind to the issue of dignity for the dying. I revere the sanctity of life – but not at any cost"***.

I am prepared to appear at an Inquiry and for further information regarding Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia you may wish to contact Ian Wood email:

Yours sincerely,
Adrian Price,
WA Local Hero-Australian of the Year Award 2004.

Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia, WA Branch.

**Data obtained through email survey of candidates for the 11th
March 2017 WA State election.**

Candidates contacted; 409

Replies; 225

Supporting choice for VE; 201 (89.3%)

Undecided or did not express a view; 9 (4%)

Against having choice; 15 (6.7%)

DETAILS by PARTY, MLA.

Animal Justice, all six candidates supported VE.

Australian Christians, 18 emailed, 4 replies all against.

Family First, 1 email sent, no reply.

Flux, no contact.

Greens, all 59 candidates supported VE.

Independents, 23 emails sent, 23 supported VE.

Julie Matheson, 13 emails sent, 10 supporting, 2 undecided, 1 against

Liberal, 59 email sent, 9 supporting, 3 undecided, 1 against

Liberal Democrats, the three candidates supported VE

Micro Party, 11 emails sent, 4 supporting, 1 undecided

Nationals, 16 emails sent, 4 supporting, 1 undecided

No Party, 2 emails sent, no replies.

PHON, 17 emails sent, 10 supporting, 1 undecided, 1 against

Shooters-Fishers-Farmers, 2 emails sent, 1 supporting
Socialist Alliance, 1 email sent, 1 supporting
WA Labor, 56 emails sent, 26 supporting, 1 undecided.

DETAILS by Party MLC

Australian Christians, 7 emails sent, 2 against
Daylight Saving, 1 email sent, 1 supported
Family First, 6 emails sent, 3 against
Fluoride Free, 4 emails sent, no replies
Flux, 12 emails sent, no replies
Greens, 15 emails sent, 15 supported
Independents, 18 emails sent, 8 supported
Julie Matheson for WA, 9 emails sent, 3 supported, 2 undecided
Liberal, 27 emailed, 1 supporter, 1 against
Liberal Democrat, 8 emails sent, 8 supported
Micro, 3 emails sent, no replies
Nationals, 15 emails sent, 1 supported
PHON, 7 emails sent, 2 supported
Shooters-Fishers-Farmers, 6 emails sent, 1 supporter
WA Labor, 7 emails sent, 5 supported.

Adrian Price, WA Rep Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia.