

Attention: Principal Research Officer  
 Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices  
 Legislative Assembly  
 Parliament House  
 PERTH WA 6000

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Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA  
 Chair of Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices



Dear Ms Sanderson,

I am writing in support of any laws that will allow voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying in WA. I am a senior citizen of Australia, have absolutely no family to care for me. I made a decision many years ago that when the time came for any reason that I was seriously ill or could no longer live my life with dignity and that it was basically over, that I would end it while I could. This choice is not for everyone. However, what I am advocating for is **THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE**.

It is the same choice as the right to choose to have an abortion, gay right to marry, how many children do you want in your family, to marry or not to marry, etc. I could go on and on but it still comes down to one thing. The **PERSONAL INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE!!!!**

Reliable, legal and peaceful methods to end one's life are NOT readily available to the older generation who may want to avoid a continuing decline in health and dignity. It must be an individual's personal choice to escape a painful and unbearable life without any perceived dignity. A doctor's assistance would help ensure a peaceful death.

Ultimately, I want to have the right to determine how and when my life is to end, if I were terminally ill, suffering unbearably without the prospect of improvement, or if I had to depend on others for even the most basic care. However, I should also be able to have medical help for a peaceful death, and choose the time and place..

Thank you for considering my submission. **I am available for a personal appearance before your Committee.**

Yours sincerely,

Judith Ann Vasek