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**Subject:** FW: submission to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

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Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2017 8:25 AM

To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Subject: submission to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

Dear Committee,

With this email I would like to express my opinion on our "Right to die".

The words are actually quite strong and well chosen. It is our right to die (with dignity).

In my opinion I am the only one who has authority over my life and it should be my choice, surrounded by safeguards, when life becomes impossible to live, to ask a doctor to help me ending it.

I accept fully that not all doctors would want to participate in such a request. I also accept that a request would take time to allow for a proper process to be run. However, I do not accept that society forces me to continue my life if my life has become unbearable to me.

I am in no way close to this moment. I am a healthy and happy individual. However, the prospect of suffering through my last stages of life at any time in the future is causing some anxiety.

I have had close relatives and friends in Europe who have walked this path and were able to decide when it was enough for them, say their proper goodbyes to friends and family and die peacefully. Having that choice was comforting and actually prolonged their life as they would otherwise have had committed suicide in an earlier stage. My uncle actually had a date set but passed away before the date was there. Just the knowledge he had the option made his last few months so much more liveable.

I would like to urge you to look at the subject very favourably, for all (West) Australians who would have an option for a more dignified end to their life if they wish to do so.

Regards,

Iwan Boskamp