



20. 10. 2017.

The Principal Research Officer  
Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices  
Legislative Assembly of Western Australia  
4 Harvest Terrace,  
West Perth WA 6004.

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to register my support for voluntary assisted dying legislation in Western Australia

My mother at 102 years contracted pneumonia and was hospitalised at Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands, WA July 2011.

She was a tiny build, only weighing 35 Kilos and the incredible severity of the pneumonia caused her great pain and distress as she tried to breathe.

2 My Mother, who had all her mental faculties, constantly continued to say she had had a wonderful life but it was time to go and would the medical staff make her leaving this world a peaceful and painless experience for her.

Unfortunately her request could not be granted as Voluntary Assisted Dying was not legal and doctors were unable to grant her request.

It was such a very, very sad and disturbing time for all of us and especially for my mother, as we watched her struggle over three weeks until the body shut itself down. Throughout all this time my Mother kept requesting assistance to die.

I would hope your Joint Select Committee on End of Life choices will approve this legislation to enable people to have a choice in the way they wish to leave this world.

When your time comes you may wish to have this choice too

Yours sincerely

