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Dear Sir/Madam,

I appreciate the opportunity to be able to contribute to the Committee's research regarding this issue.

I would like to share my experiences working in public practice business and financial services, simply drawing the committee's attention to one area of concern that would arise from legalising euthanasia in Western Australia. I have dealt with many deceased estates of wealthy individuals and I have noticed that there is often conflict between beneficiaries and a general eagerness to finalise the estate and have proceeds from the estate distributed. I believe legalising euthanasia creates the risk that loved ones could influence the terminally ill or the elderly to opt for death by reinforcing negative thoughts or even suggesting assisted suicide. The person who is terminally ill or elderly is likely to be depressed or emotionally vulnerable and could easily be influenced by a loved one to choose assisted suicide despite not truly wanting that. This is a real risk that should not be ignored.

Thank you kindly for reading my comments and thank you again for allowing the public to contribute to the research.

Kind Regards,

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