

## SUBMISSION to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

Inquiring into the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed choices regarding their own end of life choices

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## General Position

- 1 The current WA laws on Advance Health Directives and Enduring Power of Guardianship make sufficient provision for citizens to make informed choices about their end of life options.
- 2 We do not support changing State laws to provide for voluntary euthanasia or physician-assisted dying.

## Reasoning

Euthanasia and physician-assisted dying are promoted as ways to address the complex problem of suffering at the end of life. However, they both carry substantial risks, especially for the chronically sick, the mentally ill, the frail aged and the disabled.

We strongly support research aimed at improving the efficacy of palliative care (e.g., investigation into using some types of marijuana). We believe improving the standard of palliative care is the best way to address end-of-life suffering.

Yours truly,

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