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We, the people, need carefully safeguarded assisted dying legislation in Western Australia. The majority of Western Australians want change and support the case to manage their end of life.

We need to know that the end of life can be easy, painless and dignified. At present end of life choices are severely restricted by an ideological minority who are unable or unwilling to face up to the fact that modern science and health care does not always help those at the end of their lives.

We need change to our legislation.

I recall when my Grandmother died in a most uncomfortable and for her embarrassing way following a stroke. Admitted to hospital she lasted with paralysis for two weeks. Unable to see or understand what was going on she dribbled and breathed but did little else. The hospital and staff at the time did their best but oh what a sadness for Gran and relatives knowing what she wanted, had she had the chance to explain her choices earlier on. This provision must be available for the elderly and those with chronic situations to have the opportunity to decide and express their wishes.

Sincerely Tracy Skippings