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The Principal Research Officer
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 Legislative Assembly of Western Australia
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To members of the Joint Select Committee of End of Life Choices.

I am writing personally and also as a member of 'Dying with Dignity', to ask you to vote in favour of people being able to decide on their own choice to die, because of serious, painful and terminal illness. My husband is also a member and is in full agreement.

In wartime England, in 1943, when I was a child of 11 years, my beloved grandmother was dying of Cancer of the Uterus, she was 72 years old. My Mother a State Registered nurse, was nursing her at home.

My grandmother was on the strongest painkillers, which eventually had no effect. She cried out to God to let her die. I can remember my Mother, tears streaming down her face, saying to my father, that she felt so helpless. Grandma lasted over three months in agony.

People in extreme pain, cause pain and anxiety to their loved ones, who feel, so helpless, that they are unable to do anything to relieve that pain. It affected me as a child, as well as my mother, her sisters and my Father.

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I don't think anyone has the right to deny anyone release from agonising and relentless pain. Something we do for our animals without any problem. No one has any right because of religious beliefs, to impose them on others, these types of beliefs are hardly Christian.

I realise that there should be checks that it should be the true wish of the sufferer, and to be confirmed by at least two medical people.

I urge you all to think seriously of other people's pain, there is enough misery in this world as it is. You could all ease some of it

Yours sincerely

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