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Attention: Principal Research Officer  
Joint Select Committee on End of life Choice  
Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



I am writing out of great concern at the prospect of the legalization of euthanasia. I implore that more money and attention be given to palliative care. The notion that palliative is not effective for those at end of life and in pain is a furphy.

I speak with personal experience having my elderly parents die from cancer. Dad at home in Northam and Mum some years later in Kelmscott. I cared for them till the day they passed away. Their final wish was to die at home, and thankfully they were granted their wish due to the wonderful Hospice workers and palliative care..... In conjunction with our family doctors. The care, compassion and support exhibited by these professionals will never be forgotten by my family. It was most comforting knowing that they were afforded a peaceful and pain free death.

Therefore I plead that due consideration be given to money going to better training and with a greater number of palliative care workers being made available. The opportunity of having a pain free and dignified death should not be out of reach for anyone.

Please take into consideration the above.

Yours faithfully,

Joan G. Rencontre.