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Select Committee on End of Life Choices
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Committee Members

I am writing to express my concern about the availability of palliative care for West Australians in rural, regional and remote areas, of which my town is one.

It is very important that people in these areas are not deprived of the level of care that is available to those in cities and large regional centres.

If a patient has to spend his or her final weeks or months at a considerable distance from home this places an enormous personal and financial burden on the whole family.

I hope that the Committee will recommend not only a thorough review of palliative care services outside the metropolitan area and large regional centres but also the allocation of more resources

Sincerely

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