The Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices. Level 1, 11 Harvest Tce. West Perth, W.A. 6005



<u>SUBMISSION</u> to the inquiry into the need for W.A. laws to allow citizens to make informed choices for end of life.

Dear Sirs.

I respectfully request that in your deliberations you, as a committee, reject any changes to legislation which would legalise suicide or doctor assisted suicide.

It is my understanding that in Oregon USA, where euthanasia has been legal for 20 years, some health funds routinely refuse to subsidise expensive, life prolonging or potentially curative treatments and offer lethal pills as a cheap alternative. Delivered by mail, these can then be administered or taken, unsupervised at home, with all the attendant dangers which that could allow.

Please do not effect legislative changes which could impose such a state of affairs on WA citizens.

Yours sincerely,

James D H Cook.

17th. October 2017.