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The Principal Research Officer
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Legislative Assembly of Western Australia
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a trained Nurse and Midwife UK (1954 and 1960) Fremantle general training. UK for midwifery Part 1 and 2 (now retired)

I support voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia. In

my nursing experience while palative care is necessary for some
patients there are some patients because of their condition
their pain is not relieved by the usual 3-4 hourly administration
of drugs they need stronger pain relief and more often. No
patient should have to suffer unbearable pain because the 3-4
hours are not up or they require stronger medications. Milliams

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