

Mr Tony Pires

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The Joint Select Committee
On End of Life Choices
Level 1, 11 Harvest Tce.
West Perth WA 6005



Dear Sirs,

Submission to the Enquiry into the need for Laws in WA to allow citizens to make informed choices regarding their own end of life choices.

It is my opinion, the current WA Laws do provide for citizens and their families to make choices as their lives draw to an end.

Over the last 2 years I have witnessed the death of both parents. The family, with Medical Staff, were able to make decisions that enabled both to die with dignity and in peace.

I do not accept that changes to our laws need to be made in favour of assisted suicide and/or euthanasia.

I am in favour of enhancing the care given to patients at this stage in life (Palliative Care). I implore the Committee to promote change to WA Law to enable more funding to flow for palliative care; especially for non-cancer sufferers and those patients in remote areas of our state.

We have an excellent medical care system in this country: I would not like to see it compromised in any way - especially by resorting to euthanasia. If this did occur I envisage that the rights of the frail aged, disabled, chronically & mentally ill would be slowly eroded.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Pires