

SUBMISSION to the Joint Select Committee
on End of Life Choices

Inquiring into the need for laws in W.A.
to allow citizens to make informed choices
regarding their own end of life choices.

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Dear Sirs,

I write to state my concerns about changing State Laws to provide for voluntary euthanasia or physician assisted dying, and the consequences that may follow for people in our society most vulnerable and unable to speak for themselves.

Voluntary euthanasia or physician assisted dying suggests that a person of sound mind, understanding all the facts regarding the finality of this act, is in a position to make an informed decision for themselves. What about the person who does not have the same ability?

Many people in our society may have difficulty when it comes to making informed choices, particularly regarding their own end of life choices. However, I believe the people who would be most effected are the frail aged living with dementia, people with severe physical and intellectual disabilities and those who are mentally ill.

Should voluntary euthanasia and physician assisted dying become the norm, who will make that end of life choice for them and in fact, who will take the final action to end that life?

As a concerned citizen I believe vulnerable people need our protection against an act that may not be their own choice.

To this end, the only way to protect all classes of citizens into the future is to make sure that euthanasia and physician assisted dying are never made lawful.

yours faithfully