

Attention: Principal Research Officer
Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000



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Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA
Chair of Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

Dear Ms Sanderson,

I am writing in support of any laws that will allow voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying in WA .I have watch three loved ones die with horrific suffering and my mother wanted to end her life when she was institutionalised and immobile but by then too difficult to take her to Switzerland .

If we're lucky, we MAY have a doctor to assist us to die but the doctor would technically be breaking the law. Doctors cannot seem to help when a person has a chronic condition which makes life unbearable, such as a neurological illness.

Reliable, legal and peaceful methods to end one's life are not readily available, although there seem to be illegal expensive methods which are attractive to the older generation who may want to avoid a continuing decline in health and dignity. It then becomes a matter of luck whether someone succeeds or ends up the worse for trying. Surely it must be an individual's personal choice to escape a painful and unbearable life and a doctor's assistance would help ensure a peaceful death.

Ultimately, if I were terminally ill, suffering unbearably without the prospect of improvement, or if I had to depend on others for even the most basic care I want to have the right to determine how and when my life is to end. Suitable palliative care should be available to all who want it, however, I should also have the option of medical help.

I trust your committee will agree that a good peaceful death should be my right!

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Radisich