

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



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Dear Ms Sanderson

I write in support of any laws that will permit voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying in WA.

What frightens me most about the prospect of old age is not death, but being trapped alive against my will in a body that can no longer serve me, whether through chronic pain, immobility or neurological illness. Being able to legally choose to end my own life through peaceful and reliable means, with the help of a doctor at the right time, would greatly remove this fear and give me peace of mind.

Another fear I have is of all my life savings and assets getting swallowed up in financing my aged care when I can no longer be autonomous and do not wish to live. As an ethical choice, I would far prefer that my money go to deserving relatives or charities that allow people who still have years ahead of them to live a full and happy life.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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