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The Joint Select Committee
Att: Dr. Jeannine Purdy
Legislative Assembly Committee Office
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SUBMISSION to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices.
Inquiring into the needs for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed choices regarding their own end of life.

It is my opinion, that the current laws regarding citizens to make informed choices about end of life options are adequate enough.

I do not support changes which may pressure or suggest to a terminally ill citizen, he or she, and society, will be better off by legalising euthanasia. It is not a safer option without risks and I do not see assisted suicide to be considered dying with dignity.

I am deeply concerned that these changes may result in affecting other

vulnerable citizens such as the frail, disabled and mentally ill.

Assisted suicide can never be monitored enough, making it, an unsafe option.

When faced with hardship, we become vulnerable, overcome by fear, ruled by emotions and feel we can no longer contribute to society. People in such a state, may not be able to make rational choices.

One's dignity, depends on one being human. We owe it to each other as a society, to care adequately for the sick and vulnerable. This is dignity. We should not be assisting in terminating one's life.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Leigh Marvin