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The Joint Select Committee on End of life Choices
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Submission to the Inquiry into the need for W.A. Laws to allow citizens to make informed choices for end of life.

Dear Members of the Committee,

Concerning **Term of Reference One**, I strongly believe that the current laws and medical practices in W.A. adequately assist citizens to make informed choices about their end of life choices. I also strongly do not support any changes to W.A. laws to provide for either voluntary euthanasia or physician-assisted dying, which is likely to be raised as a possibility in our State.

There will always be people that incur a chronic or terminal illness. These people currently have the right, within existing W.A. laws, to express their desire to cease current or further treatment and simply be allowed to die naturally.

There have been significant advances in palliative care to the point that such people generally do not have to endure pain and suffering as they would have in the past. This facilitates them to have an eventual peaceful death.

Concerning **Term of Reference Three**, to my knowledge, only a minority of jurisdictions around the world have legalised euthanasia or physician assisted dying. Further, as far as I am aware, such legislation has not been safely enacted anywhere in the world.

For all of the above reasons, I submit to the Committee that there is no need whatsoever to make any changes to current laws in W.A., especially any that allows for the introduction of euthanasia and/or physician assisted dying.

In conclusion, I do not wish to appear before the committee and simply wish my views to be recorded.

Thank you

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