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Dear Sirs

I see that the West Australia Legislative Assembly is to discuss and possibly legislate on the subject of Voluntary Euthanasia as a life choice .Having ,over some years ,the experience of close friends spending years of misery and pain before their eventual death .That they should be condemned by their illness to many years of such misery does not make any sort of sense , especially when a person is wishful of ending it all and is not afraid .I know that many of the opponents of Euthanasia talk of palliative care but at it's very best (which is not the usual experience !) this only extends a life for a while and at a very low level of Living .Almost the living Dead is the state most patients endure. This might satisfy those people with very strong religious beliefs and convictions ,who are prepared to suffer for their convictions ,but for those of us who have not that faith to cling to,what is on offer ? There are fewer of such believers as each year passes , and it does seem to me ,and many others ,that they should not have control of how the rest of us face Death . For my part ,at the age of 94 ,I live in hope that my end will be at my Will .

Yours sincerely ---- Harold Burdon ,

