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Subject: FW: End of life with dignity

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To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

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Dear West Australian Parliament,

I am an elderly lady with very limited computer skills, so I do hope this message will be passed on to the necessary people who vote in the bill before the W.A. parliament regarding voluntary euthanasia.

I live in a retirement village of 300 people, some as old as 97. It is of great concern to the majority that when they die, their wishes regarding their last days, weeks or months are listened to. No one wants to die alone, in pain, or relying on machines to keep them living for a few more hours, days, or even weeks. As we age our views on many subjects change, and we mostly look for a quiet life, and to live with dignity as we cope with hearing loss, eyesight deterioration, and the many other things such as loss of balance, and loss of confidence. I know all this because I have experienced these changes not only in myself, but in friends, and family. No one wants to talk about dying, but it will happen, and surely we should be able to state our wishes on this subject. I have no desire to tell others what to do when the time comes, but please allow me to decide my own fate. Please let us make the decision to be allowed to die with dignity when we are tired of living. Palliative care is not for everyone, so at least give us a choice, and let us go when we decide the time has come.

Sincerely,

Pamela Martin, aged 83



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