

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 the end of life.

Dear Members of the Committee,

Concerning Term of Reference One:

Every man, women or child in this world has died or will die. We now have at our disposal wonderful drugs, technology and procedures available to us. Wonderful because they can be good for us.

These wonderful options should always be used not misused for the good of mankind.

The laws of nature do not change and we should prepare for death just like those billions of people before us but using our new knowledge in a positive not negative way.

Death affects not only our own lives but also those close to us. If we realise and put into practice the best of comfort care that neither prolongs life nor hastens death, then a death of dignity and respect for nature will have resulted. To allow life to progress to its ultimate end is an outcome we can achieve that all can appreciate, enjoy and celebrate for those that go before us.

Changing natural laws that have stood the test of time bring about ramifications yet to be known. Sure, we can stab at the future with what we think are careful words. However, words seen in different lights can change the original thought and meaning sought.

The best of palliative care is a step in the right direction. No doubt progress in this field will evolve and continue to improve our techniques and our approach in assisting as best we can the care and love the dying deserve.

Caring for the dying as an individual is a way to let them know that their life is important, that loved ones have fully appreciated their life contribution and are committed to seeing them die in the best of natural circumstances.

Emotions play a big part in these trying times and we must ensure that we use them to a positive effect. We, who are alive, should be more prepared in this area so that we can handle ourselves in a meaningful way for the benefit of the dying.

Under the circumstances expressed above, those approaching death will do so with trust in those around them-right to the end. Change the laws and mistrust will surely abound.

Concerning Term of Reference Three.

I ask you to fully investigate the ongoing situation after laws have been changed in those countries which have altered their laws trying to address the issues related to the subject of choices for end of life.

In conclusion, I do not want to appear before the Committee but would appreciate that you consider my thoughts and suggestions to this Inquiry.

Thanking you

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