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I support voluntary assisted dying [euthanasia] for those who wish to have that choice.

My mother has just recently died – she was 98 – and to have been given the choice to go to sleep peacefully instead of gasping for breath for the last few days would have been so much kinder. While she did have palliative care, it could not completely stop the suffering at the end.

We are able to show kindness and compassion for our pets to save them from suffering and we should certainly be able to show the same compassion ourselves and for our loved ones.

I have made up my own Advanced Health Directive, and should I not be able to make my views known, it states that I wish for euthanasia [when it is legal] in certain circumstances and where there is no quality of life any more. This is my wish and I would like that wish carried out.

It is time to have carefully safeguarded assisted dying made legal in Western Australia.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this submission.

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