

Principal Research Officer
Joint Select Committee on End Of Life Choices
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
PERTH, WA



B.Lawrence

October 11th, 2017

Dear Mrs. Sanderson,

I am writing to you in order to express my support for any laws that will allow voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying in West Australia. Any such assistance would also be right at the very end of life and when someone has already suffered great and unrelieved pain for some time.

It is unreasonable to ask a doctor to assist a patient to die under existing laws in WA. Reliable, legal and peaceful methods to end one's life are not readily available to old people such as me, who may want to avoid a continuing decline in health and dignity. It must be an individual's personal choice to escape a painful and unbearable life without any perceived dignity. A doctor's assistance would help ensure a peaceful death.

Ultimately, I want to have the right to determine how and when my life is to end, if I was terminally ill, suffering unbearably without the prospect of improvement, or if I had to depend on others for even the most basic care.

I should be able to get medical help for a peaceful death at a time and place of my choosing, with my friends and family present.

Thank you for considering my submission. I am not available for a personal appearance before your committee.

Your's Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Lawrence', written over a faint horizontal line.