

**SUBMISSION**

to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices inquiring into the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed choices regarding their own end of life choices

**Submission from:**

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To the Sub Committee members,

I would like to express my concerns about proposed changes to End-of-Life legislation in our state.

While I understand the desire for any person to live a pain free life and to die a peaceful death, I am against legislative changes that would enable people to take their own life, or to legally help someone to commit suicide. I have two particular reasons for not wanting the legislation change:

- Firstly (refer ToR 4) I believe too many family members may use these changes to hasten the death of elderly people for purely selfish motives. It is obvious to me that society has already become less caring of the more vulnerable people around us, and more likely to see them as an 'inconvenience'!
- Secondly (refer ToR 1) I believe it is contradictory for medical staff to be both helping some people to live, while assisting others to commit suicide. As an intelligent race, humanity should demonstrate a supreme value in life itself. I believe that if we start down the road of assisted suicide we will end up with the values of Nazi Germany, and I don't want that for myself or my children.

Thank you for receiving my submission. I am happy to appear before the committee if necessary. (A signed submission will follow by post).

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