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

Please find my attached submission in the form of a poem I have written. I hope the Committee will heed the views of the majority of West Australians who support changes to the legislation to allow Voluntary Euthanasia.

Yours sincerely,
Jo Waite

Give Me Choice

The *only* one thing certain in the life that we have here,
Is that *one* day it will surely slip away,
And how we'll spend those last days we don't really know right now,
But *if* I could, I'd like to have a say.

It *may* be that I drift away in dreamy peaceful sleep,
Free of pain and dignity intact,
But if it's clear that's *not* the way that things are going to be,
I'd like the chance to choose and maybe act.

In *my* last days there's nothing more that I'd like to ensure,
Is knowing that I *can* call it a day.
To draw the curtain on my life and take a final bow,
And spare myself the suffering and pain.

So *all* I ask if you will hear, is let me have my choice,
To end my life if things are getting tough.
I may decide to sit it out and journey to the end,
But then again I may say "That's Enough!"

Give *me* my choice and you will see, that you still have the right,
To live *your* life until your final breath.
In doing so you'll grant me peace and ease my sense of fear,
That *I* may suffer greatly in my death.

We all respect your right and choice to linger to the end,
Until your God or nature deems it's time,
And maybe in the days and hours that lead up to your death,
You *too* may wish my choice was not a crime.
