



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOW YOU CAN

GET INVOLVED

IN THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING CAMPAIGN



ELIZABETH'S STORY

My husband died in January after nearly 4 years of fighting pancreatic cancer.

He died at home as he wished with palliative care support.



Despite this care, his last 5 days were shocking.

I never thought that his dying would be so traumatising for myself and our family.

He begged when still conscious to be allowed to die but nothing could be done under the existing laws.

His suffering was inhumane.

I would never wish another dying person to be denied an option to go when they choose.

I especially would never wish to see a family and grandchildren experience what our family suffered.



Please support our campaign to give terminally ill people the choice to die without suffering.

Allow families to go about their grieving without the ongoing trauma from watching a loved one suffer.

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

On 23 August 2018, the Parliamentary Committee into End of Life Choices handed down its report.

The Committee recommended that the Minister for Health establish an expert panel to undertake and develop legislation for voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia.

The panel has now reported to the Minister, and shortly the legislation will be drafted, and put before the state parliament.

This legislation will be a conscience vote, meaning that MPs may vote according to their consciences rather than according to an official line laid down by their party.

When MPs hear from their constituents on an issue - especially one such as end of life choices that will touch the lives of every one of us - it has the power to influence their vote. In relation to voluntary assisted dying this is true especially if you have a personal experience to share.

We know that this issue is close to the hearts of many in our community, with 88% of Western Australians telling us they are in favour of voluntary assisted dying legislation. However, many people don't know that this legislation will be drafted and tabled this year. You can help to spread the word by raising awareness in the community and encouraging your friends and family to support the campaign.

Dying with Dignity will be with you every step of the way. We can provide any training and advice you may need to help you take action.

Now is the time to let MPs know how the wider community feels on this issue. Can we count on you?



CALL YOUR LOCAL MP

Did you know that there are seven Members of State Parliament who represent your local area? You have one Legislative Assembly representative and six Legislative Council representatives. The Legislative Council is similar to the Senate in Federal Parliament, and is broken up into six regions as shown in the maps at the back of this booklet.

While the Legislative Assembly will vote on the legislation first we know that it is the members of the Legislative Council who will ultimately determine whether the proposed voluntary assisted dying legislation passes into law.

Getting in touch with your Legislative Council representatives is an important way you can make an impact.

Members of Parliament receive phone calls from constituents every day. They actively encourage members of the community to get in touch to share their views. So why don't you take this opportunity to pick up the phone and let them know how you feel?

It can be as simple as saying "Hi, I'm calling to let my local representative know that I support voluntary assisted dying." You can also share your own personal experience.

Remember they might ask you for your name and contact details. You don't have to give these if you don't feel comfortable but your opinion will hold more weight if you identify yourself.

WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL MP



Letters can be powerful, especially if they include your own personal experiences.

Put pen to paper or write an email to tell your Legislative Council representatives why you support voluntary assisted dying.

Although handwritten letters and personal emails are most effective, if you want the quickest way to email your representative you can use an easy online tool at

[**www.dwdwa.org.au/dogooder**](http://www.dwdwa.org.au/dogooder)

SO, HOW DO I GET STARTED?

At the back of this booklet is a map of the regions and a contact list for Members of Parliament.

The priority is to contact your Legislative Council MPs, but you can also find your Legislative Assembly MP by visiting

[**www.dwdwa.org.au/mp-search**](http://www.dwdwa.org.au/mp-search)

Please be sure to use a respectful tone whilst explaining your reasons for supporting voluntary assisted dying.

If you're
unsure or if you
would like someone to
read over your letter before
you send it, get in touch:
[**campaign@dwdwa.org.au**](mailto:campaign@dwdwa.org.au)
or phone **0408 000 058**



ENCOURAGE A RESPECTFUL DEBATE

We know that some Members will use all tactics available to delay voluntary assisted dying legislation.

We have already witnessed Members of the Legislative Council use parliamentary tactics to filibuster (debate with the purpose of delaying or preventing a decision being made) other legislation in a bid to delay as much as possible or force the Government to withdraw the legislation.

We can't let this happen to the voluntary assisted dying legislation.

We need to encourage Opposition Leader Liza Harvey to allow debate on this important legislation to take place unimpeded and without delay.

Please contact the Opposition Leader and show your support for:

- A respectful debate; and
- The legislation to be voted on without delaying tactics.

You can contact the Opposition Leader at liza.harvey@mp.wa.gov.au, or you can call the Opposition Leader's Office on **9222 7351**.

If you're unsure or if you would like someone to read over your letter before you send it, get in touch: campaign@dwdwa.org.au or phone **0408 000 058**

CALL TALK BACK RADIO

You've already written to your local Members of Parliament or spoken to them on the phone, so you know what you want to say.

At the back of this booklet is a list of stations and phone numbers for talk back radio stations.

Why not get your message out to a broader audience and encourage listeners to contact their MPs too?

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

All change starts locally. Where better to spread the word than in your local community newspaper?

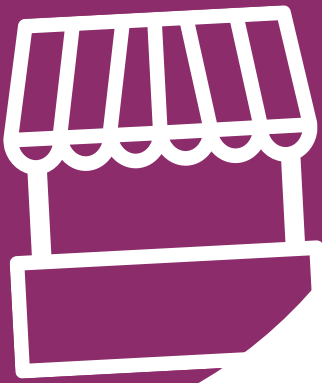
We know Members of Parliament take an interest in the content of their local newspapers and your letter can have a significant impact.

Your letter also has the power to encourage others to take action.

We also encourage you to write to The West Australian and The Sunday Times.

At the back of this booklet are the contact details for newspapers in our high priority areas, as well as the state-wide newspapers.





VOLUNTEER AT A STALL

You might have already seen us at a community stall. Maybe that's how you got involved.

Volunteering your time to help us at a community stall is a valuable contribution. By being present in the community, we can talk to other supporters about how to get involved, and raise the profile of our campaign by being visible. As the campaign intensifies we'll be running even more stalls.

Get in touch with our community campaign coordinator and let him know when you're available to help out:

volunteer@dwdwa.org.au or phone **0437 902 710**.



JOIN US AT A PHONING SESSION

Members of Parliament aren't the only people we need to call. Dying with Dignity WA has thousands of supporters, and we need your help to get in touch with them and encourage them to take action, just like you have.

Our phone sessions are run at various times throughout the week. At your first phone session one of our volunteer leaders will provide you with all of the training and information you need to get started. We'll be with you every step of the way.

Get in touch with our field organiser and let him know when you're available to help out: **volunteer@dwdwa.org.au** or phone **0437 902 710**.

If you want to
volunteer at a stall or
take part in a phoning
session, get in touch:
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TALK TO FAMILY, FRIENDS & COLLEAGUES

There is nothing more powerful than a one on one conversation with someone you know.

Help us spread the word: this issue is coming up for debate and the time for action is now. Talk to your family, friends and colleagues: tell them what's going on, encourage them to step up, to contact their Members of Parliament or to volunteer with you.

You can also spread the word on social media. Share your story alongside a photo for the most powerful impact. If you don't have any photos, you can take one holding the sign on the back cover of this booklet.



MLC CONTACT LISTS

North Metropolitan Region

For the full map visit

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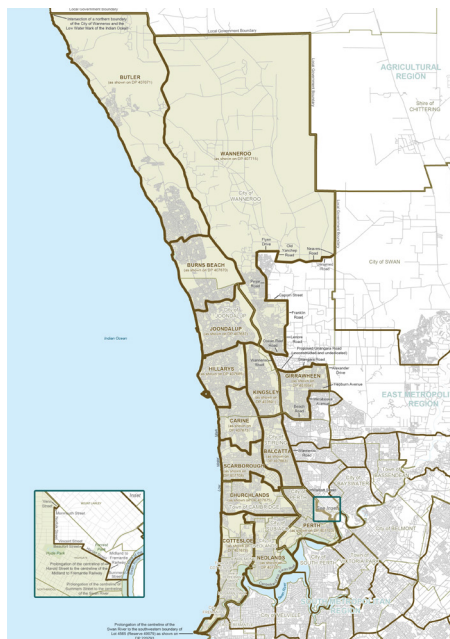
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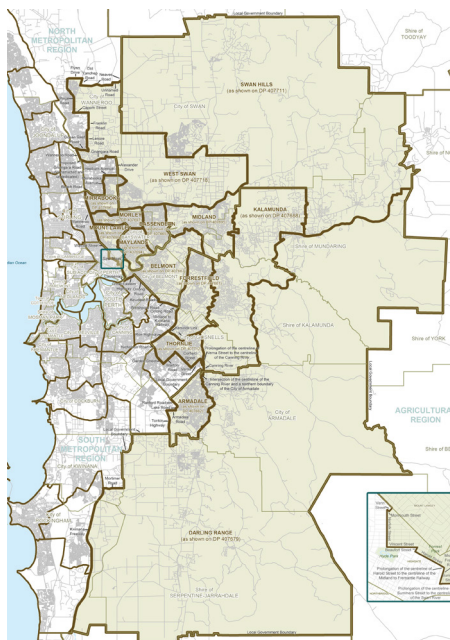
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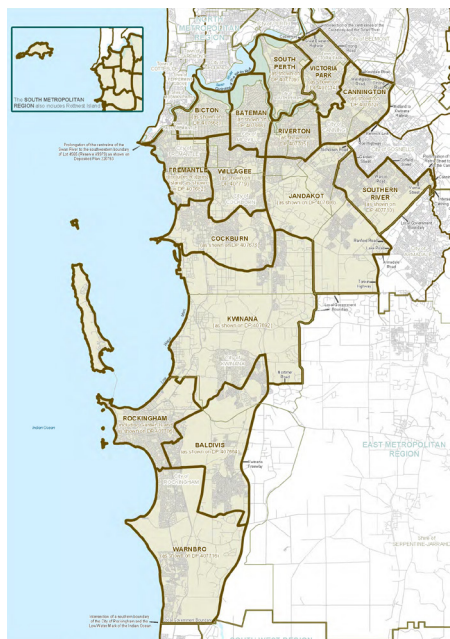
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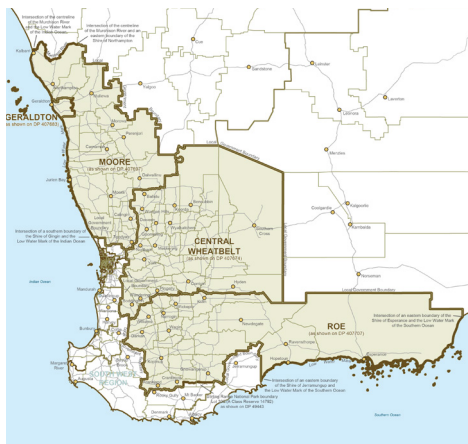
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Talkback Radio

If you hear voluntary assisted dying being discussed on talkback radio and feel comfortable sharing your story, you can reach the relevant radio station with the below contact details.

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