

TIPS ON HAVING YOUR VOICE HEARD



WRITE A LETTER, SIGN THE PETITION, VISIT YOUR MPS, TAKE THE BUS!

The Western Australian parliament will soon vote 'Yes' or 'No' on the new Voluntary Assisted Dying law. Let your Upper House MPs know your thoughts. Also discuss with your family and friends and ask them to contact their MPs as well. We each only have one chance to be heard. Remember approximately 85% of all Western Australians want this law passed. Our politicians must hear this message.

Write a letter to your local politicians - it works!

See your electorate details on the next page for contact details.

1. Include your address and the date at the top
2. Use your local MP's name
3. State simply at the beginning WHY you are writing to them (see suggestions below)
4. Add any additional message you want to make
5. Sign at the bottom and spell your name (include your phone number if you wish)

What you could say:

"I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the new voluntary assisted dying laws." **"I want my own choice on how I die if I have extreme suffering and there is no hope of recovery or respite."** **"As my MP, I would like you to support the Inquiry recommendations."**

Visit your state MPs in their office

Call your local MPs' offices and request an appointment. They are your elected representative and are obliged to try and make time to see you. See the contact location and phone numbers on the next page.

1. Call and request an appointment
2. If the office can't offer a time, ask what hours the office is open
3. Drop in and tell the staff your message in person

What you could say:

"I want to tell you personally my thoughts because this is very important to me." **"I want my own choice on how I die if I have extreme suffering and there is no hope of recovery or respite."** **"We are constituents and expect our elected representatives to vote as the majority requests."**

Organise a bus trip to your local MPs' offices - and tell the local newspaper

Strength in numbers! Organise an appointment and take the bus. You should be respectfully seen as you are all local constituents. Ask other locals to join you.

1. Call and request an appointment - explain you have a bus-load of voters
2. Book a bus or take the local service
3. Maybe pop a brochure in the letterboxes around your neighbourhood – call Go Gentle Australia on **0468 464 360** and we will organise a supply for you
4. Place a sign on a noticeboard
5. Include a list on the noticeboard for people to book a seat on the bus
6. Ask your neighbours to join you

Learn more online at:

gogentleaustralia.org.au/wa_take_action

Need help? Go Gentle Australia can support you with brochures and invitations to ask other residents to join you. Call **0468 464 360**.

Learn more and sign the petition

Please sign the petition. Please ask your family and friends to sign as well.

Go online to gogentleaustralia.org.au/wa_petition or call **0468 464 360** and we will send you a copy.

Thank you for your support and good luck.

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