

# VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING | FAST FACTS

**Fact #1** Voluntary Assisted Dying is widely supported by Western Australians – averaging upwards of 80% or more in the most recent polls.

**Fact #2** Only adults with decision-making capacity in the advanced stages of a terminal illness and who are suffering intolerably are eligible for Voluntary Assisted Dying. They must have a prognosis to death of six months, or 12 months for neurodegenerative illnesses.

**Fact #3** Voluntary Assisted Dying is voluntary for everyone: the patient and medical professionals. No-one can be obliged, compelled or coerced to take part.

**Fact #4** A person cannot request Voluntary Assisted Dying in an advance care directive. People requesting Voluntary Assisted Dying need to have decision-making ability throughout the entire process to make sure their decision remains voluntary and consistent.

**Fact #5** The lethal dose in Australia is usually administered in the form of a drink that is legally prescribed and voluntarily requested, mixed and swallowed by the dying person.

**THE WA VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL.  
IF YOU WANT A CHOICE, ADD YOUR VOICE.**