

End of Life Choice



OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR Voluntary Assisted Dying LAWS IN regional SA

Regional voters are overwhelmingly supportive of voluntary assisted dying laws – and nowhere is that support stronger than in Dan van Holst Pellekaan's seat of Stuart and Stephan Knoll's seat of Schubert.

Across the state, up to 82 per cent of respondents to the 2019 ABC Vote Compass survey believe terminally ill patients should be able to end their own lives with medical assistance.

A full breakdown of regional electorates shows:

- **Stuart** (Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Liberal. Undecided, according to 8 May *Advertiser* poll): 82 per cent constituent support
- **Schubert** (Stephan Knoll, Liberal. Did not respond): 82 per cent constituent support
- **Frome** (Geoff Brock, Independent. For): 81 per cent constituent support
- **Heysen** (Josh Teague, Liberal. Not asked as he's Speaker): 81 per cent constituent support
- **Chaffey** (Tim Whetstone, Liberal. Undecided): 80 per cent constituent support
- **MacKillop** (Nick McBride, Liberal. For): 80 per cent constituent support
- **Finniss** (David Basham, Liberal. For): 79 per cent constituent support
- **Hammond** (Adrian Pederick, Liberal. Against): 79 per cent constituent support
- **Kavel** (Dan Cregan, Liberal. Undecided): 79 per cent constituent support
- **Mawson** (Leon Bignell, Labor. For): 79 per cent constituent support
- **Narungga** (Fraser Ellis, Liberal. Undecided): 78 per cent constituent support
- **Mount Gambier** (Troy Bell, Independent. For): 77 per cent constituent support
- **Giles** (Eddie Hughes, Labor. For): 76 per cent constituent support
- **Flinders** (Peter Treloar, Liberal. For): 76 per cent constituent support

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2020), with 68 safeguards, is mirrored on the Victorian law which has now been in place for more than 18 months, providing reassurance, dignity and control for those with a terminal illness.

A similar law has also passed in Western Australia and Tasmania, meaning more than 10 million Australians will soon have access to voluntary assisted dying.

The SA Police has for the first time backed voluntary assisted dying legislation under strict circumstances.

Access to palliative care is essential too, but for 5 to 10 per cent of cases sadly it can't stop the intolerable pain and suffering. Where assisted dying legislation has been enacted, the palliative care sector has been strengthened because it generates discussions about end of life care as a whole.



VADSA was established in 1983 to campaign for legal voluntary assisted dying. The aim is to provide people who are suffering at the end of their life with the choice of a medically assisted death. VADSA works in the community and with Members of Parliament to achieve law reform.

South Australian Nurses Supporting Choices in Dying

facebook: SA Nurses Supporting Choices in Dying

We are a group of passionate nurses who believe in our patient's right to choice in their end of life care treatment. The group provides a forum for the nursing voice and perspective on legalising voluntary assisted dying and other patient choices in end of life care.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Youth Advocates

vadsa.org.au/about/VADpartners

A national youth lobby group which aims to provide a youth voice in support of legalising voluntary assisted dying in all States and Territories. Members between ages 18 and 35 are encouraged to join, make contact with their local MP and inform them of their support for legal voluntary assisted dying.

Christians Supporting Choice For Voluntary Assisted Dying

christiansforvad.org.au

We are Christians who believe that, as a demonstration of love and compassion, those with a terminal or hopeless illness should have the option of a pain-free, peaceful and dignified death with legal voluntary assisted dying. This is strongly supported by the majority of Australian Christians.

Accessible Voluntary Assisted Dying (AVAD)

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Accessible Voluntary Assisted Dying is a community of people supporting more equitable access to palliative care services and the choice of a medically assisted death when palliative care cannot relieve suffering at the end of life. Through our facebook page, AVAD encourages people isolated by a disability, or social and physical isolation, to exchange views and lobby for equitable access to legal Voluntary Assisted Dying.

Doctors for Assisted Dying Choice

drs4assisteddyingchoice.org

We are a national organisation of Australian medical practitioners, both current and retired, who are committed to having a legal choice of providing information and assistance to rational adults, who, for reasons of no realistic chance of cure or relief from intolerable symptoms, would like to gently end their lives. Assistance may be by doctor provision of medication for the patient to consume, or by doctor-administration.

Respecting rational patient end-of-life choices

Lawyers for Voluntary Assisted Dying

vadsa.org.au/about/VADpartners

Lawyers for Voluntary Assisted Dying acknowledge the need for people with profound suffering at the end of life to have the legal choice of a medically assisted death. People diagnosed with a terminal illness may have profound and unbearable suffering which is unable to be relieved by even the best of palliative care. We support the provision of a legal choice for people with profound suffering to seek medical assistance to end that suffering.

Paramedics Supporting Choices in Dying

facebook: Paramedics Supporting Choices in Dying

Paramedics Supporting Choices in Dying is an advocacy group promoting the rights of people to make decisions regarding their end of life wishes.

To go without pain, without trauma, without breaking the law, without endangering others and without suffering. To go gently, peacefully and with dignity.

We support good palliative care, encourage the use of Advance Care Directives and advocate for law reform to legalise the choice for voluntary assisted dying.