

## Joint Committee on End of Life Choices

The Joint Committee was established by both Houses of the South Australian Parliament in April 2019. A 'Joint Committee' means that the JCEOLC was established by a motion passed in both the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and subsequently means that each chamber has equal representation on the Committee.

Submissions and transcript of hearings are available on the SA Parliament website, <https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Committees/Committees-Detail>

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The first hearings were held on July 16, 2019. Presentations were made by Doctors for Assisted Dying Choice, represented by Prof Arnold Gillespie and Dr Carolyn Lawlor-Smith; Dr Roger Hunt, Senior Palliative Care Consultant; and Dr Greg Crawford, President of Palliative Care South Australia.

SAVES President, Frances Coomb, Vice President, Dr Julia Anaf, and Policy Director, Anne Bunning, presented to the JCEOLC on behalf of SAVES on March 18, 2020.



*JCEOLC Chair, Hon Kyam Maher, and Committee Member Hon David Basham, Member for Finniss, meet with SAVES Victor Harbor group, June 14, 2019*

### Joint Committee Membership

There are six members of the EOLC Joint Committee. It is understood that three members are supportive of law reform and three have previously spoken against VAD.

Members of the EOLC Joint Committee:

**Hon Kyam Maher (Chairperson)**, Opposition Leader in the Legislative Council, Shadow Attorney General  
Hon Mark Parnell, MLC (Greens)  
Hon Dennis Hood, MLC (Liberal)  
Hon David Basham (Liberal)  
Steve Murray (Liberal)  
Hon Tony Piccolo (ALP)

## Terms of Reference

A Joint Committee of the South Australian Parliament has been established to inquire into and report on:

- a. The practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they manage their end of life when experiencing chronic and/or terminal illnesses, including the role of palliative care;
- b. The current legal framework, relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions, including the Victorian and Western Australian Parliamentary Inquiries into end-of-life choices, Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (2017) and implementation of the associated reforms;
- c. The appropriateness of the Parliament of South Australia enacting a Bill in similar terms to Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (2017); and An examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation.
- d. Any other related matter.



*JCEOLC Chairperson, Hon Kyam Maher, greets Belinda Teh on the steps of Parliament House, June 21, 2019. Belinda was walking from Melbourne to Perth to support the passage of the VAD Bill in WA.*