



Our Human Right to make end-of-life choices

It's not just the aged who face the terrible dilemma of unbearable suffering from an incurable illness

Wouldn't you want the right to choose a peaceful release, when no hope remained for the most basic quality of life?

75% of Australians want voluntary euthanasia legalised (The Australia Institute 2011)

Palliative care may well be the choice for many people but it cannot provide relief for everyone

The right of every individual to a medically supervised release — with safeguards — should be enshrined in law

Support SAVES — help change the law and make it our choice!

Compassion for suffering



Parliament House South Australia

It's Time for a New Law

Patients' Rights

- freedom to choose when to end their suffering
- to have medical supervision for a peaceful death
- to have safeguards against pressure from others

Doctors' Rights

- no criminal or civil charges when assisting a patient
- the choice to assist, or refuse a request

Parliament Decides

Only our State Members of Parliament can change the law

Tell your local members — by phone, letter or email —
that you want voluntary euthanasia legalised

**Committed people in all Australian States and Territories are
working to change the law, to allow this basic Human Right**

Add your voice to the call



A law for the 21st century

Progress towards a new voluntary euthanasia (VE) law is based on fact, and views held by most Australians

The basics

- It is cruel and inhumane to allow people to die in pain or in torment
- People want a legal choice to end their unbearable suffering; peacefully
- Doctors need the choice to assist, without criminal or civil prosecution
- 65% of Christians support VE law reform (The Australia Institute 2011)

Objections refuted

- Why should a small minority, who oppose VE, dictate to the majority?
- Overseas evidence shows:
 - There is no “slippery slope” to euthanasia without request
 - Palliative care funding and practice continue to grow
- A new VE law will have effective safeguards and guidelines

It's my life my death my choice



Your short email, letter or phone call will help

Tell your State Member of Parliament that you want
voluntary euthanasia legalised... say why.

You can phone SAVES to check the details of your MP – **0421 305 684**

SAVES is staffed entirely by volunteers – please help by

- Asking your family, friends and colleagues to contact their MP
- Joining SAVES
- Making a donation – the campaign does have costs

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The Freedom to Choose

“Martin keeps up his brave face but medication is not easing his pain. He just wants a voluntary euthanasia law passed, so he can die on his own terms.”

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“Gran is dreading that her dementia will mean she can no longer recognise the family. She just wants to go peacefully — with her memories still vivid.”

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“My grandson Richard understands how much I fear my long and slow death from this incurable illness. While it’s hard for us both, he supports my wish for a VE law, to allow me to die peacefully, if I so choose.”

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