

**The Secretary
Legal & Social Issues Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
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To whom it may concern

- I wish to record in the strongest possible terms my support for legalising voluntary euthanasia and medically assisted dying.

- Assisted dying choice for the terminally ill has been legal in Oregon USA since 1997. Very few make use of this choice, but it provides assurance to many. One third of those accepted for assistance do not actually use their fatal medication – it is like an insurance policy.

- I am now 66 years old. I want the peace of mind that the legal option of voluntary euthanasia would give me if my dying process became too awful. It would be such a relief.

- We should all have the choice of asking for help to die if we are terminally ill and suffering intolerably. A doctor should be allowed to help me without fear of breaking the law.

Yours sincerely

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