

To: LSIC

Dear Committee Members

I will turn 70 in one week and am 100% (well 99%) fit. I return to Kabul (Afghanistan) the day after my birthday to work on a national water resources planning study, to complete 14 months of work.

I have been a member of Dying with Dignity (NSW) for the last 5 years, since I believe that the decision whether to end one's life or not should be fully in the hands of an individual, though with appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse. My view is supported by around 80% of the population, and it greatly saddens me that politicians have so far bowed to the views of the religious and conservative minority and failed to have the courage to legalize VE. I very much hope that the Victorian legislature can change this and support VE, since this will send a clear message to the other states.

Yours sincerely  
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