Inquiry into end of life choices

The Committee is:

1. assessing the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end of life, including the role of palliative care;

2. reviewing the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions; and

3. considering what type of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation.

Programme – Warrnambool

Date Thursday 30 July 2015
Venue Lady Bay Resort, Conference Area 1 and 2

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| 9.00 – 10.30am | South West Healthcare  
Andrea Janes, Project Worker Improving Care for Older Persons Initiative; Registered nurse  
John Quinlivan, Nurse Unit Manager Medical/Palliative Care Inpatient Unit  
Dr Emma Greenwood, Medical Director, Palliative Care  
Sue Marsh, Paediatric Unit Manager |
| 10.30 – 11.15am | Warrnambool and District Community Hospice  
Deidre Bidmade, Vice-President  
Damian Goss, Board Member  
Tam Vistarina, Hospice in Home Manager |
| 11.15 – 12.00pm | Portland District Health Service  
Fiona Heenan, Director of Primary and Community Care  
Jeanette Beaglehole, Community Palliative Care Volunteer  
Lyn Smith, Community Palliative Care Volunteer |
| 12.00 – 12.30pm | BREAK |
| 12.30 – 1.00pm | Deakin University  
Dr Tim Baker, Director of the Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine |
| 1.00 – 1.45pm | Western District Health Service, Hamilton  
Usha Naikoo, Manager, Care Co-ordination  
Jacque Page, Palliative Care Consultant  
Judy Sommerville, Volunteer |
| 1.45pm       | COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR |
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Role of the committee
The Legal and Social Issues Committee is one of three Standing Committees appointed by the Parliament of Victoria’s Legislative Council.

The Committee has eight members, representing government and opposition parties.

The function of the Committee is to inquire into and report on any proposal, matter or thing concerned with community services, education, gaming, health, and law and justice.

Committee Inquiries result in policy recommendations to the Victorian Government and can lead to legislative change.

Members of the committee

Hon Edward O’Donohue MP (Chair)
LIBERAL PARTY | Eastern Victoria
Edward O’Donohue has served as Member of the Eastern Victoria Region since 2006. He was a solicitor and barrister then a director of a real estate and project management company. He held numerous Ministerial positions under the Napthine Ministry. He currently serves as Shadow Minister for Police, Shadow Minister for Community Safety, and Shadow Minister for Corrections.

Ms Margaret Fitzherbert MP
LIBERAL PARTY | Southern Metropolitan
Chair of the Board of the Royal Women’s Hospital, Margaret worked in senior communications roles at the ANZ and the National Australia Bank. A previous adviser to two Federal ministers, Margaret is currently Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Women's Health and Rural and Regional Health. She has published extensively on women and politics.

Mr Daniel Mulino MP
LABOR PARTY | Eastern Victoria
Daniel has a PhD in economics from Yale and much of his career has been spent working in the area of economic policy. He served as advisor to Senator Jacinta Collins, Premier Steve Bracks, Treasurer John Lenders and Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten. He was a former Casey City councillor.

Ms Nina Springle MP (Deputy Chair)
VICTORIAN GREENS | South-Eastern Metropolitan
In 2014 Nina became the first Greens MP to represent the South Eastern Metropolitan Region in Victoria's Parliament. Nina has worked as a consultant in the community and education sector. She is the Victorian Greens spokesperson for Families and Children, Multicultural Affairs, Women and Family Violence Protection.

Mr Cesar Melhem MP
LABOR PARTY | Western Metropolitan
Born in Lebanon, Cesar migrated to Australia at the age of 23. Before entering Parliament in 2013, Cesar served in the Australian Workers Union including 7 years as the elected State Secretary. Cesar is also a former director of a superannuation provider and of a financial services organisation.

Ms Fiona Patten MP
AUSTRALIAN SEX PARTY | Northern Metropolitan
Fiona is the leader of the Australian Sex Party. She has been a lobbyist for sex worker rights, online anti-censorship, HIV/AIDS, disability rights and drugs. She has held positions on the Board of the AIDS Action Council, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations Committee and is a Director for the Adult Industry Copyright Organisation.

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