The Australian Sex Party is a modern party, focussed on civil liberties. We support freedom of choice, providing that these choices do not harm or impinge upon the freedom of others. End of life choice is fundamental to individual liberty, and legal access to assisted dying has overwhelming support from the Australian public.

Suicide is not a crime in Victoria; Victorians have the legal right to choose to end their lives. A discriminatory situation exists, where some are not afforded that right, due to being incapable of exercising it, for example, if they are physically incapacitated. This right should be extended to all consenting adults.

Allowing people assistance in dying would not curtail anybody’s rights and freedoms; the freedom to choose to await a natural death would still be available to all. It simply ensures that everybody has the same rights and freedoms, including the crucial option to live out their lives with dignity.

Some people worry that allowing people assistance in dying will give certain people the power to kill others. This is not the case, as end of life choice allows individuals to make their own choice, rather than having it imposed upon them by others. This is not giving powerful people more power; it’s about giving the most powerless people their most basic dignity.