

WAVES News

Media Watch - Week to 18/7/2015

- 12 July. SMH & Age: [Young people opt for euthanasia drug as overall number of deaths grows](#). "More Australians are taking their own lives with a drug recommended by euthanasia groups, including people aged in their teens, 20s and 30s. New data from the national coronial information system shows 120 people died by taking Nembutal – dubbed the "peaceful pill" – between July 2000 and December 2012....The deaths included one person under the age of 20, 11 people in their 20s and 14 people in their 30s
- 13 July. SMH: [Deaths among young an unintended consequence of euthanasia movement: mother](#). "Twenty-six-year-old Lucas Taylor took his own life by taking Nembutal more than three years ago, but he still gets Exit International's email newsletter. After his death in 2012 his mother Judith went through his emails looking for answers and found he had been a paid up member of the organisation."
- 14 July. The Age: [Voluntary euthanasia consistent with religious principles, Christian group says](#). By Benjamin Priess. "Christians for Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia spokesman Geoffrey Williams said voluntary euthanasia was ethically consistent with a wide range of Christian views. "We're confident from the polls that the majority of people are on our side but they don't have the confidence to publicly say so," he said. Christian denominations such as the Catholic Church are opposed to euthanasia. Mr Williams said he hoped more Christian leaders would come forward and express their support for voluntary euthanasia."
- 14 July. The Examiner (Tasmania): [Euthanasia: the debate returns](#). Front page article. apparently prompted by a submission to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into End of Life Matters. Former premier, Labor MHA Lara Giddings "will seek support from Liberal colleagues to bring back parliamentary debate on voluntary euthanasia. It comes as a national Christian group reaffirms its support for the cause, calling on other Christians to do the same." There is a lively discussion at the end of the article with comment from Ian Wood and Margaret Sing (DWDtas).
- 15 July. The Examiner (Tasmania): [Open minds on euthanasia](#). By Patrick Caruana. "At least two Liberal MPs say they are willing to consider voting for voluntary assisted dying legislation when the issue is brought before Parliament later this year. Braddon Liberal MHAs Joan Rylah and Roger Jaensch, who were not in Parliament in 2013 when the issue was last debated, have told The Examiner that they would be willing to consider the legislation."
- 16 July. The Mercury (Tasmania): Bill's life in Libs' hands. Subhead - Both sides of the euthanasia debate target Government MPs. Quotes Margaret Sing. Scroll down for scan of article - thanks to Margaret Sing.
- 16 July. Yahoo/Ch7 News: [Tas euthanasia bill could make comeback](#).

Also on 9news.com.au

- 16 July. Radio 101.7 Hobart: [Euthanasia Debate could return to Parliament](#)
- 16 July. Examiner (Tas) Opinion: [Euthanasia must be rationally debated](#). By Daniel McCulloch. "Tasmanians deserve access to all available information, as well as the opportunity to have their voices heard through their local MPs."
- 17 July. The Mercury (Tas) AAP: [End of life choices to be discussed in Vic](#). "PALLIATIVE care and voluntary euthanasia will be discussed during a parliamentary inquiry in Melbourne next week. The first hearing will be held at Parliament House on Thursday and in Geelong and Warrnambool on July 29 and 30, with a further hearing in Melbourne on August 5. A report will be provided to parliament by the end of March next year."
- 17 July. Also in [The Australian](#)
- 17 July. ABC: [Liberal MP would consider co-sponsoring new Tasmanian euthanasia bill from Lara Giddings](#). Liberal backbencher Roger Jaensch is open to the idea, although he wants to see the details before putting his name to it. Mr Jaensch believes it is time for a debate on the controversial social change even though most of his Liberal colleagues disagree."Lara Giddings believes that with tripartite support, the bill could pass the Lower House (It was defeated narrowly, 13 to 11 in 2013 in the previous parliament).
- 17 July. Tasmanian Times: [Tas welcomes open-minded approach to new Assisted Dying Bill](#). Media release by Margaret Sing, President, Dying with Dignity Tasmania. Amongst other things Margaret challenges the AMA's reactive stance.
- 17 July. [ABC.net.au](#): [New euthanasia debate welcomed by opponents in Tasmanian cabinet](#). "Staunch opponents of euthanasia within the Tasmanian cabinet are open-minded about a private member's bill to legalise the controversial practice".
- 17 July. Herald Sun: [Euthanasia push as submissions roll in ahead of parliamentary inquiry](#). "EUTHANASIA laws must be introduced into Victoria according to former State Government minister Rod Mackenzie, as submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry into End of Life Choices continue to roll in. Public hearings on the issue are due to begin next week and the former Labor minister is among scores of submissions calling for the introduction of assisted suicide."
- 17 July. Also in [Daily Telegraph](#)
- 17 July. KRock FM 95.5 :Palliative care inquiry coming to Geelong. The hearings on issues including palliative care and voluntary euthanasia will start in Melbourne next Thursday.
- 17 July. NT News: [End of life choices to be discussed in Vic](#). And in [Geelong Advertiser](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin](#) and several other suburban regionals.
- 18 July. Examiner (Tas) Letters: two supportive letters - one from Margaret Sing. Scroll to end for full text

Also of Interest:

- forthcoming 4 Aug. Mercury Cinema Adelaide: [The Farewell Party](#). Story about a group of friends who construct a machine for self-euthanasia in order to help a terminally ill friend.

- forthcoming 13 Aug. Debate: [SHOULD VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA BE LEGAL?](#) Presented by the University of Sydney Catholic Society. Peter Singer vs Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

16 July. The Mercury (Tasmania): Bill's life in Libs' hands.