

## WAVES News

### Media Watch - Week to 15/8/2015

- 9 Aug. The Examiner (Tas): Letter to the Editor. Scroll to end for full text.
- 10 Aug. Yahoo Ch7: [Singapore's Lee mulled euthanasia in final years: daughter](#). Singapore's founding leader Lee Kuan Yew, shattered by the death of his wife, asked his doctors about the possibility of euthanasia in his final years, his daughter revealed
- 11 Aug. [News.com.au:Documentary makers expose horror for New Zealand woman living with cruel genetic disorder](#). The story of Gina, a youngish NZ woman who advocates for VAD. She has to live in the dark with a blindfold over her eyes and headphones over her ears. Sunlight and sound are too much for her. A cruel genetic condition makes it impossible for her to use her voice and incredibly painful to move her limbs.
- 13 Aug. Bendigo Advertiser: [Lack of choices about end of life](#). The Victorian parliamentary inquiry at a hearing at the Bendigo Town Hall heard that few people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are supported to make choices about how or where they die.
- 13 Aug. Similar account in Sunraysia Daily: [Disability care 'ad hoc'](#)
- 13 Aug. ABC Central Victoria: [Choosing a good death: Bendigo hearings for state inquiry into end of life choices](#)
- 13 Aug. The Australian: [Euthanasia debate: Professor Peter Singer v Archbishop Anthony Fisher](#). The Australian ran the stream of the debate live on its website.
- 14 Aug. The Conversation: [Singer and Fisher preach to their flocks in euthanasia debate](#). Summarises the debate.
- 14 Aug. Daily telegraph: [Forget expense accounts. Politicians need to talk about voluntary euthanasia](#). "Sellouts at Sydney's Town Hall are rare, let alone a talkfest that promised two hours of death."
- 14 Aug. Bendigo Advertiser: [Time to start having difficult conversations](#). More from a hearing of the Victorian parliamentary inquiry into end of life choices held at the Bendigo Town Hall this week
- 15 Aug. Sky News: [British man travels to Switzerland to die](#). A terminally-ill British man has travelled to Switzerland to die just 18 months after his wife made the same journey. Bob Cole, 68, travelled to the Dignitas euthanasia unit in Zurich, where had watched his wife Ann Hall, 67, die in the same clinic last year.
- More reviews of Last Cab to Darwin. 101.5 [Radio Adelaide](#), [War Cry](#), [The Echo](#),

Letters to the Editor.

#### **9 Aug. The Examiner**

Euthanasia

MARY Bates's views (The Examiner, July 30) on the ability of palliative care to give comfort to all who fear dying is adrift of those of her fellows.

While practitioners of palliative care in this country most certainly deserve praise and thanks for their efforts, their own society has long admitted that they cannot help in every case where people face a tortuous death.

In those jurisdictions where assisted dying is legal, the number of those seeking such help is tiny compared to the overall death rate, reflecting only the need of those for whom at present (in Australia) their only relief from an intolerable end is to attempt to take their own life.

But if Ms Bates believes the euthanasia debate is over, she should be reminded that more than 80 per cent of all Australians, across all religious and political divides, continue to support the notion of assisted dying.

The debate is not going away.

— BRUCE LINDSAY, Scottsdale.