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Media Watch - Week to 29/8/2015

- 23 Aug. (Tas.) Advocate: [Nod for legal euthanasia](#). TASMANIAN LABOR justice spokeswoman Lara Giddings has secured the support of rank and file party members to pursue legalising voluntary euthanasia.
- 24 Aug: (Tas) Mercury: [ALP state conference: Heated debate on euthanasia and asylum seekers](#). TASMANIAN Labor has endorsed a renewed push for voluntary euthanasia.
- 24 Aug. Daily Telegraph. [Same story](#).
- 24 Aug. (Tas) Examiner: [Courtney open on right to die](#). Tasmanian LIBERAL backbencher Sarah Courtney says she is open to the idea of co-sponsoring a voluntary assisted dying bill. Ms Courtney is among at least three Liberal MPs who say they are willing to consider voting for legalising voluntary euthanasia. Lara Giddings is looking to introduce the legislation by the end of this year.
- 24 Aug. NT News: Seniors have paid taxes to last a lifetime. Letter of the day by t Miller. Scan is at the end of this email thanks to Judy Dent.
- 25 Aug. NT News: "Elferink's health outlook a shock". Letter of the day by Lindsay McDowell. Scan is at the end of this email thanks to Judy Dent.
- 25 Aug. NT News: Several Txts to the Editor on the same issue. Scan is at the end of this email thanks to Judy Dent.
- 26 Aug. NT News: Assisting 2007 death costs US Right-to-life group \$30k. Scan is at the end of this email thanks to Judy Dent.
- 26 Aug. CH7 News: [Man gives entire estate to pro-euthanasia organisation](#). A Perth man has left almost his entire estate to Philip Nitschke's Exit International.
- 26 Aug. West Australian: [Children challenge father's will](#). The children of a Perth man are challenging his will after the "healthy" 89-year-old took his own life using the practices of Exit International and left most of his \$1.8 million estate to that organisation.
- 26 Aug. PerthNow: [Euthanasia group supporter's children challenge will after taking his own life](#)
- 26 Aug. 6PR Perth: [Estate of euthanasia advocate to be challenged](#). Philip Nitschke, speaks about Bill O'Brien and the challenge to the will in this 13 min interview.
- 26 Aug. The Examiner: [Giddings euthanasia move](#)
- 26 Aug. The Age: [Euthanasia drug 'Lethabarb' stolen from Melbourne vet clinic](#).
- 26 Aug. [ABC.net.au: Voluntary euthanasia bill may be delayed to secure support from Liberal MP, Giddings says](#). In the Tasmanian Parliament, Liberal backbenchers Roger Jaensch and Sarah Courtney have expressed willingness to consider backing the new attempt at reform.
- 27 Aug. NT News: Several Txts to the Editor on the Elferink issue. Attached thanks to Judy Dent.
- 27 Aug. NT News: On this day 20 years ago. Tim Costello comments negatively on the Voluntary Euthanasia legislation. Attached thanks to Judy Dent.
- 28 Aug. NT News: "Elf's dangerous idea on health" Letter of the day. Attached thanks to Judy Dent.
- 28 Aug. WAtoday: [6PR's Chris Ilsley: 'Don't get sucked in' by Philip Nitschke about euthanasia](#)

Also of Interest:

- On the Elferink issue, Dying for Choice website has a scathing open letter to the NT Health Minister. [Dog-whistle politics in NT end-of-life care.](#)
- Last Cab to Darwin. For those who have seen the film and are interested in the real story, see the two YouTube videos: [Four Corners report "Road to Nowhere"](#) and [Last days with Max Bell](#).