

WAVES News

Media Watch - Week to 5/9/2015

- 31 Aug. NT News: a text to the editor that says "NT doesn't need euthanasia. We have Elfernasia. Long live the children, but only children." (Thanks to Judy Dent for this one.)
 - 1 Sept. The Wimmera Times: [Festival of Dangerous Ideas to screen at Horsham art gallery](#). The festival organiser's chose two sessions to stream, one of which was Dr Helen Joyce's The Right to Die, which asked why the right to doctor-assisted dying is supported by so many and legal for so few. Dr Joyce is the international editor of the Economist
 - 2 Sept. The West Australian: [Euthanasia will fight devastates son](#). The son of a Perth man who took his own life and left the majority of his estate to Exit International says he feels numb and overcome with sadness by the legal battle over his father's will.
 - 5 Sept. NT News: Two more letters to the editor re the Elferink statement. (thanks to Judy Dent).
 - 5 Sept. SBS TV forthcoming Dateline special to screen 8.15pm Sept 15: [Allow Me To Die](#). Imagine choosing to die when you don't have a terminal illness. Is it a choice we should have? A powerful Dateline special gets rare access to film the journeys of two people in Belgium – going behind the most liberal euthanasia laws in the world.
 - Forthcoming 7 Sept: ABC TV Q&A 9.35pm: Economic reform, euthanasia and human rights. Joining host Tony Jones on the panel will be NSW Premier, Mike Baird; President of the Business Council of Australia, Catherine Livingstone; Human rights lawyer, Geoffrey Robertson; Federal Shadow Treasurer, Chris Bowen; and International Editor of The Economist, Helen Joyce. Geoffrey Robertson and Helen Joyce both champion VAD.
 - 6 Sept. SBS News: [UK at crossroads over assisted dying](#). The assisted dying bill which would allow doctors to prescribe a lethal dose to terminally-ill patients will be debated in the British Commons this week.
 - 6 Sept. Same story in [The Australian](#)
 - 6 Sept. SMH: [Archbishop, religious leaders warn UK at crossroads on assisted dying](#). The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby along with heads of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh groups have issued a joint letter to every British MP asking them to oppose the assisted dying bill, which will be debated in the UK House of Commons on Friday.
 - 6 Sept. [SkyNews](#): Same story.
 - 6 Sept. (Tas.) Examiner: Letter to the Editor. Scroll to end for full text.
- Also of Interest:
- 3 Sept. The Conversation: [Elderly men have the highest suicide rate - and ageism stops us from doing something about it](#)
 - 4 Sept. ABC Open DRUM: Each fortnight, ABC Open and The Drum nominate a subject for discussion, asking you to share your personal story. It recently ran the topic ...Death & Dying. How do you have a good death? Is a good death found at home surrounded by loved ones? Does euthanasia bring a peaceful passing? Or should we fight to hold onto life? Etc Numerous people shared their

experiences [here](#). The most compelling are to be featured on ABC The Drum program.

- Forthcoming in November? "Andrew Denton, one of Australia's smartest broadcasting minds, [told Junkee](#) that he has been travelling the world creating a podcast series about euthanasia.