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Media Watch - Week to 19/9/2015

- 14 Sept. abc.net.au: The Drum: [Doctor-assisted dying shouldn't be a taboo subject](#). Now is the time to have an open and real discussion about doctor-assisted dying, writes Miranda Simpson.
- 15 Sept. SBS TV: [Allow me to die](#). The Dateline TV program on the Belgium situation where a non-terminally ill 85-year-old opted for euthanasia and raising the question of whether Belgium's legislation is unnecessarily encouraging euthanasia. It segues into our Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry by saying "We could be looking at Australia's future".
- 15 Sept. [News.com.au](http://news.com.au): [The reality of euthanasia: When people with psychological problems choose to die](#). Same story.
- 15 Sept. Huffington Post Australia: [Talking About Euthanasia Scares Us To Death](#). By Calliste Weitenberg, a Journalist and producer with SBS Dateline: "We know most Australians want the right to choose the way their life will end. But what framework do we want?"
- 15 Sept. Mamamia : [‘My husband’s headaches are so painful, he is considering euthanasia. And I support him.’](#) Another case from Belgium covered in the Dateline program.

Also of interest:

- 13 Sept. The Conversation: [Most Australian voters are not influenced by religion](#). An August 2015 IPSOS survey for the Rationalist Association of New South Wales and the Humanist Society of Queensland has found that only 14 per cent of Australians were influenced by their religious beliefs the last time they voted. (More details in this [media release](#).)
- 14 Sept. Nursing Education: [Withholding & Withdrawing of Life Support](#) "Withholding or withdrawing treatment is one of the most difficult decisions that some families must make about their loved ones." This session claims to "assist participants in navigating the rugged terrain of such impactful decisions".
- 16 Sept. The Conversation: [A real death: what can you expect during a loved one’s final hours?](#) By Charles Corke, Deakin University and Peter Martin, Barwon Health (Thanks to Judith Daley DWDnsw for this alert.)
- 16 Sept. The Senior: [Program allows more to die at home](#). "According to figures released by HammondCare, 76 per cent of participants in the Palliative Care Home Support program were able to die at home."
- Forthcoming Advance Care Planning Australia National Conference 24/25 November 2015...[Conference Program](#)

Reminder: the next World Federation Congress will take place from **11 - 14 May 2016 in Amsterdam**, The Netherlands. The conference will be hosted by NVVE, Dutch RtD Society. The title is 'Euthanasia 2016 - Professional challenges'. Visit the special website for regularly updates : <http://euthanasia2016.com/>