

WAVES News

Media Watch – Week ending 3/7/2016

26 June

- [Federal election 2016: Greens promise 'right to die' bill | HeraldSun](#)

www.heraldsun.com.au/news/federal...to.../294abeeb63ba9e571b72dd5738e568dc

Greens leader Richard Di Natale will today join fellow doctor and former Greens leader Bob Brown to unveil the party's radical plan for a “Dying With Dignity” ...

27 June

- [Federal election 2016: Greens want free vote on euthanasia](#)

www.theaustralian.com.au/federal.../b00570f57eaf8640b21070a728604eac

Euthanasia and assisted suicide is legal in The Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Germany, Japan and several US states. Greens founder Bob Brown said that ...

[Greens want euthanasia reassessment - Sky News](#)

www.skynews.com.au/news/politics/.../06/.../greens-want-euthanasia-reassessment.htm...

The Greens will again push to legalise euthanasia in the next federal parliament.

[Greens to again push for euthanasia laws - 9news.com.au](#)

www.9news.com.au > [national](#)

The Greens have repeatedly tried to legalise euthanasia in Australia and they'll push ahead with the campaign during the next parliament.

[Dying with dignity - Network Ten](#)

tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/the-project/extra/season-7/dying-with-dignity

You're watching The Project Dying with dignity Less than a week out from the polls euthanasia has been put firmly back on the agenda. We spoke with Greens ... (I think Rodney Syme makes an appearance on this one.)

[Politics | The Saturday Paper](#)

<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics>

Article by Rodney Syme. A Victorian parliamentary inquiry's recommendation that assisted dying be legalised may also lead to welcome changes in palliative care practices.

[Over one third of elderly hospital patients kept alive with futile ... - SBS](#)

www.sbs.com.au/.../over-one-third-elderly-hospital-patients-kept-alive-futile-treatment...

... doesn't always expand our freedoms, sometimes it limits them. In the debate of physician-assisted suicide, having more choices may lead to less freedom.

[Doctors, family often afraid to let elderly die with dignity - The Australian](#)

www.theaustralian.com.au/news/.../4ad85467e848b8f8f5db4c2725653b2e

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. for miracle cures, have fuelled an international culture of over-servicing that introduces unnecessary suffering and prevents people from dying with dignity.

[Family cleared of wrongdoing | Bendigo Advertiser](#)

www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/3995306/family-cleared-of-wrongdoing/?cs...

The 86-year-old had studied assisted suicide for seven years through Exit International. She had planned her own death in her Spring Gully (Vic.) home, sourcing the ..

Also in [Illawarra Mercury](#), [Bendigo Advertiser](#), [Parkes Champion-Post](#), [Blacktown Sun](#), [Parramatta Sun](#), [The Murray Valley Standard](#), [The Courier](#) and at least 4 other Regionals.

[Election 2016: Lyne candidates respond to questions from our readers ...](#)

www.manningrivertimes.com.au/.../election-2016-lyne-candidates-respond-to-questions-...

If a bill supporting voluntary assisted dying is brought before the Australian House of Representatives, are you likely to support it? THEIR ANSWERS:

- [FBN interviews Chris Crewther – Liberal Candidate for ... - Melbourne](#)

frankstonbusinessnetwork.com.au/fbn-interviews-chris-crewther-liberal-candidate-for...

about dying with dignity, compassion and minimal pain. We believe people should have access to quality palliative care and relief from pain and suffering, and ...

28 June

- [Cory Taylor on dying for beginners - ABC Conversations with Richard Fidler...](#)

www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2016/06/28/4490296.htm

Cory is an Australian writer. By the time Cory's skin cancer was detected in 2005, the disease was so advanced there was no hope she would survive it. At first unwilling to accept the diagnosis, Cory kept it from friends and family. She put her energies to long-delayed writing projects, publishing two award-winning novels: *Me and Mr Booker*, and *My Beautiful Enemy*. In later years, Cory has made facing death her project; and come to find it fascinating. She hopes her final work, a memoir, will trigger more open and honest conversations about how we die. Now in the last phase of her illness, Cory invited Richard to her home to record this interview.

- [Letter to the Editor | Port Stephens Examiner](#)

www.portstephensexaminer.com.au/story/3996122/letters-to-the-editor/

Is this democracy? I always thought democracy meant we had a personal freedom to enjoy life as one would wish – provided it did not override or interfere with the personal rights of others. I believed this basic principle was worth protecting, even by going to war. As I look at the current political system, I question; 'do we have a democracy or is it an oligarchy? The present system fails many of us and violates the human rights of many decent citizens. Some examples are compulsory voting, denying the terminally ill the right to legal voluntary-assisted dying with dignity and denying same-sex couples the right to legal marriage. None of these satisfy my opinion as to what democracy is. H Andrei, Eagleton

29 June

- The Age: [Why it is right to legalise physician-assisted death](#). Rodney Syme response to the opinion piece the previous week by Peter Hudson
- ABC 774: [Revisiting the Inquiry into End of Life Choices Report](#) Dr. Rodney Syme talks about End of Life Choices and assisted dying. The segment starts early in the piece at the 1 minute 45 mark. He discusses:

- The strength of the Inquiry report
- The differences between the terms suicide and assisted dying
- The differences between his views (and those of the DWDV organisation) and Philip Nitschke
- Advanced care planning and advanced care directives

[Sex Party and micro players give Australians polling choice - The West ...](#)

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/.../sex-party-and-micro-players-give-australians-polling-ch...>

Among its policies, it advocates for nationally consistent age of consent laws, the decriminalisation of sex work and voluntary assisted dying.

[The Australia Sex Party release new musical video as part of their ...](#)

www.3aw.com.au/.../the-australia-sex-party-release-new-musical-video-as-part-of-their-c...

Tom Elliott speaks with Meredith Doig, (Sex Party Candidate and DWDvic committee member) about a range of policies including legalising physician assisted dying. Removing tax exemptions for religions/ churches. Stopping off-shore processing of asylum seekers.

[Geoff Brock seeks community comments on Voluntary Euthanasia](#)

www.magic1059.com.au/.../54438-geoff-brock-seeks-community-comments-on-volu...

The Voluntary Euthanasia Bill was reintroduced for debate in south Aust. Parliament in April and Geoff is asking his Constituency to contact his office and provide their views ...

30 June

[I have terminal cancer and this is what a movie taught me about dying ...](#)

www.mamamia.com.au › Relationships › Loss and grief

I am writing this as a 24 year old, who knows she is dying, who has actively thought about whether assisted suicide or 'dying with dignity' would be an option I ...

[Podcasts | 104.1 Territory FM](#)

www.territoryfm.com/podcasts

Minister Malcolm Turnbull talks with Daryl Manzie and at the end of the interview (about 7.5 mins mark) tells listeners that if the Turnbull government is re-elected they have no plans to hand back the power to the Territories to legalise **euthanasia**.

[Euthanasia laws imminent in Aust: Nitschke](#)

Yahoo7 News - Jun 30, 2016

Euthanasia campaigner Dr Philip Nitschke says there is soon likely to be euthanasia legislation passed in ...

1 July

- [No palliative reform: No death with dignity - Counterpoint - ABC Radio ...](#)

www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/counterpoint/no-death-with.../7557746

Guests. Dr Rodney Syme: Vice-President of Dying With Dignity Victoria. Credits. Presenter: Amanda Vanstone; Producer: Mike Woods. Counterpoint Image.

[Federal election: Final pitch from the Liberal Democrats | Grafton Daily ...](#)

www.dailyexaminer.com.au/news/federal-election-final-pitch-from-the.../3055456/

Legalising assisted suicide. Ensuring firearm laws only penalise criminals. Restoring rights to property owners, including whether to remove trees and permit ...

[Denton to share insights | Port Macquarie News](#)

www.portnews.com.au/story/4004324/denton-to-share-insights/

A popular media personality will speak at a Port Macquarie event about the assisted dying debate. Dying with Dignity NSW Port Macquarie Group convener Annie Quadroy said it was a massive coup to secure Denton to speak in Port Macquarie.

[The Project - Facebook logo](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/theprojecttv/videos/10153216941468441>

Excellent discussion with Andrew Denton and Jimmy Barnes talking about voluntary assisted dying & what Australia should be doing # TheProjectTV .

- NT News: On this day IN THE TERRITORY 10 YEARS AGO: The NT parliament created the world's first euthanasia law but it will not be marking the 10th anniversary of the historic feat. NT Speaker Jane Aagaard has refused a request to mark the 10th anniversary tomorrow of the legislation. (Thanks to Judy Dent for this alert)

- NT News: No 'right to die' support. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will not support voluntary euthanasia laws. Territory FM mornings host Darryl Manzie asked the PM yesterday whether he'd support legislation that would allow people to "die with dignity". "At this stage no, it's an issue that comes around from time to time but we have no plans to change our policy on that," Mr Turnbull said. Mr Manzie said 80 per cent of Territorians supported voluntary euthanasia legislation. The Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill was passed in 1995 and came into effect in July 1996. The next year the law was repealed after a Bill took away territories' rights to make laws around euthanasia. (Thanks to Judy Dent for this alert)

2 July

[Turnbull Still Turns In Votes Despite A 'Disappointed' Wentworth](#)

www.huffingtonpost.com/.../turnbull-still-turns-in-votes-despite-a-disappointed-we...

.. the surprising underdog surging into the public interest was Shayne Higson of the Voluntary Euthanasia Party, with NSW senate candidates sparking some interest with senior electors.

Also of Interest:

[Euthanasia will make a comeback, claims controversial pioneer ...](#)

www.nursingreview.com.au › News

Euthanasia will make a comeback, claims controversial pioneer ... Territory enacted world-first laws legalising **euthanasia**, an ageing Australian population is .