INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021

Name:

The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC 20 January 2022

Date Received:

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Director Standing Committee on Law and Justice Parliament of New South Wales Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Director,

Re: Inquiry into the provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Further to my previous email dated 22nd November 2021. Thank you for processing my submission. I note that it stands as Submission No.67 to the inquiry.

The submission included a number of specific references to parliamentary and public inquiries that examined certain matters including elder abuse. On 22nd December 2021, the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) released the report titled *National Elder Abuse Prevalence Study: Final Report.* The AIFS had been commissioned by the Commonwealth Attorney – General's Department to undertake the research. This piece of work is the first national survey and the most extensive study into elder abuse in Australia.

I draw the following links to the attention of the inquiry:

- 1. Media Release: https://aifs.gov.au/media-releases/almost-one-six-older-australiansreport-experiencing-abuse-last-12-months
- 2. Summary Report: <u>https://aifs.gov.au/publications/national-elder-abuse-prevalence-study</u>
- 3. Final Report: <u>https://aifs.gov.au/publications/national-elder-abuse-prevalence-study-final-report</u>

Given the significance of the content and findings of the *National Elder Abuse Prevalence Study: Final Report* and consistent with the references provided in my submission, I respectfully request that this letter be appended to my original submission or be processed as Submission No.67A to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Donnelly MLC Parliament of New South Wales