



# Go Gentle Australia

## News Update



As Andrew Denton mentioned in our last newsletter, there is movement across the continent towards legislation with inquiries underway in WA and the ACT, and a campaign in QLD to start one. The above map gives a quick overview.

Over the coming months we will be working hard on developing myth busting materials to help counter the FUD (**F**ear, **U**ncertainty and **D**oubt) that opponents bring up again and again, despite **The Facts** telling a different story. Similar to what's happened in SA and Victoria, the same discredited arguments are put forward in WA.

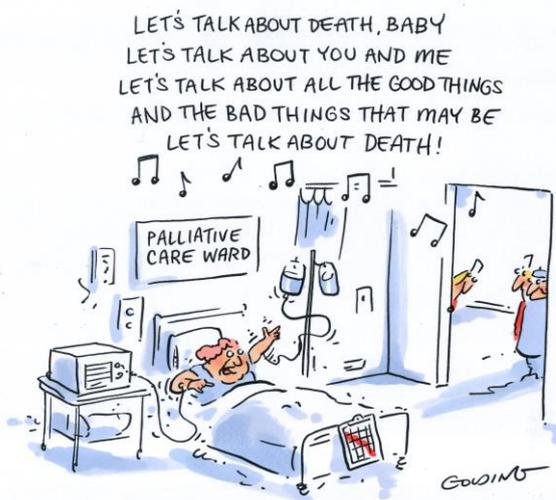
We are **your** voice in this debate - using facts, first person testimonies, and powerful advocacy from doctors, nurses and palliative care experts to counter the conservative and religious voices, that seek to stop this legislation every

time it is proposed. Opponents to this law have significant resources. To counter them and their arguments effectively **we need your support**.

Meanwhile, last month Hawaii became the 6th American state where Voluntary Assisted Dying laws are now in place - watch the video:



Go Gentle Australia is not **just** about Voluntary Assisted Dying. We are also about a better conversation around death, dying and End of Life Choices. From 16-23 April Australia had its National Advance Care Planning week. If you follow us on [Facebook](#), you may have seen our daily posts, which we kicked off with this cartoon.



Have you thought about what's important to you? Chances are, you have. But have you talked about it with loved ones? Or have you put pen to paper to ensure your wishes are made clear, even if you're not in a position to communicate them? Chances are, you haven't.

If you'd like to know more about the laws that apply to Advance Care Directives, visit the [QUT End of Life Law website](#) for a handy state-based summary. In our

[Resource Centre](#) you will find further tools and organisations that can help start the conversation.

It's never too early to start, you're only ever at risk of not starting early enough.

**We are also working on some other exciting projects, that are still in the very early stages and not quite ready to share.**

**We need your support to continue our work. There are two ways to help:**

**1. Consider a monthly donation.** Our opponents are fully resourced and staffed. We cannot hope to match them by volunteers alone. Even \$10-\$20 a month goes a long way.

**DONATE**

**2. Encourage one new person** to join our campaign. Then ask them to do the same.

**SIGN UP**

**The law only changed in Victoria because many thousands of people stepped forward.** But compassionate end of life choices shouldn't stop at the Victorian border. We need you now more than ever.



**Go Gentle Australia is a registered charity. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**

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