



## **COTA - Council on the Aging Survey - Can you help?**

Council on the Aging (COTA) is the peak advocacy group for older Australians and they are running a survey to find out what the community thinks about end of life issues including voluntary assisted dying laws, palliative care and advance care planning.

We'd really appreciate your participation in their survey using this [link](#). The survey is limited to NSW residents.

### **TAKE COTA SURVEY NOW**

## **What's happening in Western Australia?**

The WA Lower House is grinding through amendments to the voluntary assisted dying bill, which seem largely designed to delay and frustrate the process. The success of the bill will be poised on a knife's edge in the upper house. The Religious Lobby continues its campaign of bogus facts and scare tactics prompting Andrew Denton to produce this documentary [Fatal Fraud](#) exposing the methods used to spread fear uncertainty and doubt. Watch it [here](#).

## **NSW Parliament at war over abortion reform. What does it mean for VAD?**

NSW Parliament is currently debating a bill to decriminalize abortion. It has been very controversial and caused bitter divisions within parliament, particularly within the Liberal Party, with two Christian MPs threatening to leave the party and join the cross-benches. This would put the Coalition into minority government.

We fear that this will make it very difficult for parliament to pass voluntary assisted dying laws. Unfortunately, the Premier has told her party room that there will be “**no more conscience votes**”. This is very disappointing but we will not relent in our campaign. It is too important.

Will you contact your MP today and tell them why assisted dying laws are so desperately needed in New South Wales?

They must not be influenced by the noisy and well organised religious groups who are spreading fear and misinformation to frighten MPs out of voting for laws which are overwhelming supported by the community.

Thank-you to everyone who has already contacted their MP.

[Please use this link to email your local MP - It will take 5 minutes](#)

**Email your MP now**

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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