

Seniors Rights Service Board Statement on Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD)

As the largest Ageing Peak Agency in NSW we have continued to support older people and their carers across New South Wales with free legal advice, aged care and financial advocacy and information.

Our role is to advocate for older people, assisting them and their carers to claim their rights and support them in exercising those rights so that they enjoy a rich life as seniors and respected members of the community with dignified and equitable access to the care and support they need.

As an organisation dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of older people, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged groups we have continued to provide leadership on a broad range of issues that impact the rights and dignity of older people in NSW.

In August 2024, the Board of Directors of Seniors Rights Service made the following statement:

We support the rights of older people to make decisions about all aspects of their lives and this extends to difficult and complex decisions associated with end-of-life care. The Board supports legislative reforms that advance the rights of older people with life limiting physical illness to choose to die at a time and in a manner acceptable to them.

The Board also recognises the important distinction between voluntary assisted dying and palliative care and supports the rights of older people for continued and unfettered access to quality palliative care.

The Board of Directors of Seniors Rights Service encourages and supports ongoing discussion that is well informed, honest and respectful.

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