



End of Life Law in Australia

A website to help the community understand the law at end of life

End of Life Law in Australia (<https://end-of-life.qut.edu.au/>) is a website that provides accurate, practical information to assist the community to navigate Australian laws about death, dying and end of life decision-making. The website was created by Professors Ben White and Lindy Willmott, and Penny Neller from the [End of Life Research Program, Australian Centre for Health Law Research](#), Faculty of Business and Law, Queensland University of Technology.



About the website

End of Life Law in Australia addresses some frequently asked questions such as:

- Who makes medical treatment decisions for a person who is too unwell to make decisions themselves?
- Does a health professional have to follow an Advance Care Directive?
- Can a child with a terminal illness make their own medical treatment decisions?
- What happens if family members disagree with a person's decision to donate their organs?
- Who is eligible to access voluntary assisted dying?

How to use the website

The website provides information topics including capacity and consent to treatment, Advance Care Directives, withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment, substitute decision-making, futile or non-beneficial treatment, urgent medical treatment, pain relief, organ donation, and voluntary assisted dying.

You can select a topic to explore a legal issue, or, where the law differs between Australian States and Territories, you can select the webpage which explains the law in a particular jurisdiction.

There is also a Legal Overview section which outlines fundamental concepts, a Glossary of end of life and health law terms, and links to external resources you may find useful.

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