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NZ Parliament – End of Life Choices Bill – Submissions close 20 February 2018

David Seymour's *End of Life Choice Bill* had its first reading in the New Zealand Parliament on 13 December 2017 and is now before the Justice Select Committee.

Submissions on the Bill close **20 February 2018**. The ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive is encouraging all NZ members to make a submission. ANZSPM will also make a submission. Information on how to make a submission is available from the NZ Parliament [website](#).

Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT

A reminder that the ACT Government is conducting an inquiry on End of Life Choices in the ACT and has invited ANZSPM to make a submission to the inquiry. Terms of reference can be viewed on the ACT Parliament [website](#).

ANZSPM is preparing a submission for this inquiry. Submissions close 23 February 2018.

NZMA Grant Gillett report – summary by Dr Amanda Landers

In 2017, the New Zealand Medical Association tasked Prof Grant Gillett, a former neurosurgeon, with preparing a report on the difficult topic of euthanasia. Dr Amanda Landers has prepared a summary for ANZSPM Members, available in the [ANZSPM Members' Area](#).

Australian Government Department of Health – Feasibility study into compassionate communities

The Australian Government Department of Health has engaged Nous Group (Nous) to undertake a feasibility study on compassionate community models in Australia. An important part of the project is understanding how compassionate communities could complement the existing palliative care system, as opposed to duplicating any elements.

If you are interested in inputting into the feasibility study and/or are aware of compassionate communities that exist in Australia that may be valuable for Nous to examine as a more detailed case study, please email compassionatecommunities@nousgroup.com.au Please provide your name,

contact details and involvement/experience/expertise in compassionate communities.

Meaningful Ageing Australia

Meaningful Ageing Australia is the peak body for spiritual care and ageing, supporting organisations, and groups to respond to the pastoral and spiritual needs of older people, their significant others, and their carers. From February to June 2018 Meaningful Ageing Australia will provide spiritual care training in 17 regional palliative and aged care services across Australia. More information at <http://www.meaningfulageing.org.au/>

Australian Prescriber – Management of anaphylaxis wall chart

Australian Prescriber publishes a wall chart on the emergency management of anaphylaxis and has offered to make available a laminated A3 version for ANZSPM members. Members interested should email ANZSPM by 23 February so that we can arrange delivery. Alternatively, members may order directly from NPS MedicineWise, with details for ordering to be included in the April edition of *Australian Prescriber*.

Australia Day Honours

ANZSPM would like to congratulate Professor David Kissane for his Australia Day honour award recognising his efforts in palliative care.

ACORD Workshop 2018



Applications for the next Australia and Asia Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development Workshop (ACORD) are now open online.

The Workshop is a one week residential educational program (9-14 September 2018) in clinical trials design and development. Junior clinicians and early stage researchers across all oncology and allied health disciplines in the Asia-Pacific region are invited to apply at <http://acord.org.au/>

Spirituality Workshop, Newcastle, March 3-4 2018

Registration is open for this workshop for health professionals which will focus on the spiritual dimension of palliative care and will be facilitated by Professor Doug Bridge who has pioneered palliative medicine in Australia and Asia since 1983. Please see [flyer](#) on the ANZSPM website events page for more information.

ANZSPM events

Aotearoa Trainee Day, North Shore Hospital, Auckland NZ

17 March 2018 (Details coming shortly – check the ANZSPM website!)
www.anzspm.org.au

Aotearoa Annual Education Update and Trainee Day, Wellington NZ

29 June 2018 – Trainee Day
30 June 2018 – 1 July 2018 - Education Meeting

www.anzspm.org.au

ANZSPM Conference 2018

6-9 September 2018 Manly, Sydney, Australia
(more details coming soon)

www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18

Other events

Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care Sobell House UK.

OXFORD CENTRE for EDUCATION and RESEARCH in PALLIATIVE CARE:
Formerly Sobell Study Centre



Dates for the Diary

Annual conferences

Advanced Course in Pain and Symptom Management Course 2018 Cost £495

Book and pay before 31 January 2018 £450.00 a saving of £45

Newcastle-upon-Tyne 14-15 June **Nottingham** 27-28 June

Oxford 1 5-6 July **Oxford 2** 12-13 July

General Medicine for Palliative Care Physicians 25-26 January 2018

Study Days

Managing Advanced Heart Failure 27 April 2018

Challenging Decisions at the End of Life: Ethical Perspective 11 May 2018

For further information and booking on-line: www.sobelleducation.org.uk

Positions Vacant

Staff Specialist (Palliative Care) (516540)

Launceston General Hospital

Tasmanian Health Service

Salary: The salary package is as per the Tasmanian Salaried Medical Practitioners (Tasmanian StateService) Agreement 2017, with generous provisions including motor vehicle (or allowance), professional development allowance and leave, mobile phone allowance, laptop, sabbatical leave and long service leave.

An exciting opportunity exists in Launceston for a full time Staff Specialist to join our friendly and motivated multidisciplinary team, working across the Northern region of Tasmania on a permanent basis. The Specialist Palliative Care Service (SPCS) comprises of Medical Specialist, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Social Work staff, in addition to a Volunteer Coordinator with around 60 volunteers. Through a consultation/liason model the service supports primary providers and clients, families and carers with complex issues such as symptom management, psychosocial issues and functional decline, to support quality of life and end of life planning.

The role of SPCS extends beyond direct clinical service delivery. A key function of the service is to enhance and develop the role of communities of care. Providing clinical leadership to support service development, capacity building and community development are key roles of SPCS. We provide acute care liaison to the Launceston General Hospital through consultations with our medical specialist and Clinical Nurse Consultant. A second medical

specialist is responsible for the care of inpatients in dedicated Palliative Care beds the Melwood Unit at Calvary St Lukes. Our specialists also provide consultations as required in the community and rural inpatient facilities throughout the entire region. We participate in the Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration program and national benchmarking workshops.

Life in Launceston offers an enviable lifestyle with affordable real estate; quality education system, stress free commuting, exceptional food and wine, a vibrant café and arts culture and all the entertainment and services needed to contribute to a great work/life style balance. Add to this the convenience of being a one hour flight away from Melbourne and easily accessible world heritage wilderness and pristine beaches on your doorstep.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kristen Aylmer, Nurse Unit Manager, by calling (03) 6777 4544 or email kristen.aylmer@ths.tas.gov.au

Applications close **15 February 2018**.

Vacancy No: 516540

To view the full Statement of Duties and to apply visit www.jobs.tas.gov.au

A number of other positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the [ANZSPM Jobs](#) pages for details.

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