

***South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc.***

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The 21 people who compassionately and bravely stayed with Nancy Crick, so that she would not be alone when she ended her unbearable suffering, have majority public support.

The law prohibiting anyone to be present when a person exercises their legal right to end their own life is a cruel and unjust law that perpetuates suffering.

Nancy's 21 supporters engaged in an act of civil disobedience, fighting an unjust law, and they are heroes. We are reminded of Desmond Tutu's profound statement "To break an unjust law is a moral imperative. Not to break an unjust law is to collaborate in that law."

A recent Morgan Poll showed 79% support for a change to the law to allow people the choice of a peaceful and dignified death through such legislation as the Dignity in Dying Bill 2002, currently before the Legislative Council.

This most fundamental human right and social justice issue is not going to go away and it is imperative that our lawmakers address it so that the law is in touch with reality, reflecting social practice and acting responsibly for the common good.

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