

# South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc.

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To all members of the Legislative Council

Dear member,

You may have heard of a new extraordinary and disturbing book “Angels of Death – Exploring the Euthanasia Underground” written by Professor Roger Magnusson, senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Sydney University.

This ground-breaking book graphically informs us about the actual practise of euthanasia for people with AIDS by health care workers who are members of the “euthanasia underground”, an informal network sometimes known as the “Angels of Death”.

We are aware from reputable surveys, that euthanasia is a regular occurrence in Australia and other countries, despite prohibitive laws, and we now have further evidence that this unregulated, covert and uncontrolled practise is rife. In reality we have anarchy.

Professor Magnusson says that he began his study without fixed views concerning euthanasia but now is convinced that it should be legalised.

The enclosed paper of quotes from his book illustrate this conviction and I commend “Angels of Death” to you as compelling and challenging reading. It is available from the library at Parliament House.

Yours sincerely,

**Frances Coombe**  
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