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## *The death of Christian Rossiter*

Right to Life Australia joins with others around Australia in expressing sympathy to the Rossiter family over the death of Christian Rossiter. Christian died overnight of a chest infection, five weeks after a West Australian court confirmed his right to refuse food, water and other medical treatment.

The following statements may be attributed to John James, Vice President of Right to Life Australia.

"We are deeply saddened by Christian's death and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Rossiter family. Christian Rossiter's death is a gross injustice and it marks a sad day in our history when our society allows Christian and others like him who have severe disabilities to be discarded in such a cruel and inhumane manner.

"This sets a dangerous precedent for all vulnerable Australians, especially those with disabilities and life or health-threatening illnesses. Drugs should be used to cure and relieve pain, never to kill,"

We must redouble our efforts to protect those with disabilities. We will continue working to ensure that they are not dismissed by some "quality of life" standard which dictates that some lives are less worthy than others.

*Right to Life Australia is a political lobby group that utilises grass-roots community advocacy to hold politicians accountable on life issues.*

*RTLTA works at a national level on all issues aimed at protecting human life.*

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