

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Legal and Social Issues Committee

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Ethics explored at next hearing on end of life choices

Renowned bioethics professor Julian Savulescu and award-winning author and oncologist Ranjana Srivastava will be witnesses at the next public hearing for the parliamentary inquiry into end of life choices.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday 19 August from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House, Melbourne.

Professor Savulescu is a Melbourne born philosopher and Director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics at Oxford University and the Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professor at Monash University. He is also Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*.

Professor Savulescu is known for his original and insightful approach to discussions of medicine and ethics.

Dr Ranjana Srivastava is Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University. She is an oncologist, Fulbright scholar and award-winning author (*Dying for a Chat; Tell me the Truth: Conversations with my patients about life and death*).

Dr Srivastava is a regular columnist for *The Guardian* newspaper and is also the presenter of a monthly health segment on ABC television and Radio National.

The inquiry is being conducted by the Victorian Parliament's Legal and Social Issues Committee.

Further information on the inquiry is available from the Committee's website.

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