

Australia’s oldest scientist ends his own life aged 104

Notes & Cues:	<p>Article:</p> <p>Australia’s oldest scientist, David Goodall, has ended his own life at a clinic in Switzerland, surrounded by family and while listening to Beethoven’s Ode to Joy.</p> <p>The British-born 104-year-old professor was forced to travel from his home in Western Australia to Switzerland where liberal assisted dying laws allowed him to end his life legally, in contrast to Australia where it remains forbidden.</p> <p>To end his own life, Goodall had to turn a wheel that allowed a lethal infusion to flow into his bloodstream through a cannula on his arm. And his last words were: 'This is taking an awfully long time!'</p> <p>Though Goodall was not terminally ill, he had seen his eyesight and mobility deteriorate considerably in recent years and said that his life stopped being enjoyable "five or ten years ago".</p> <p>The scientist requested that his body be donated to medicine or, if that were not possible, that his ashes be scattered locally in Switzerland.</p>
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