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As an old man in reasonable health I am not yet ready to die but I have seen painful deaths and see no purpose in this pain. I am conscious of my brothers painful death from bladder cancer, my mother in law a

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fastidious careful woman who always said she would like to die peacefully with her family near, screaming in her last moments. My mother, who had Alzheimer's would have been pleased to end her life earlier had the facilities been available but for whom, when the dementia became dominant, it was too late.

I was full of youth and health when I was conscripted into the army and sent to where I could easily have died. But the government willing to send me to my death when life was important refuses to let me kill myself when I want no more of life.

I would like to end my life with my family near. With the present system I have to die alone because for them to be present puts them in danger of prosecution.

The reason for wanting to die is unimportant a person should be allowed to end their own life quietly and peacefully when they chose.