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In 2006 my wife was diagnosed with a melanoma which is untreatable.

For some time she was well but soon became sicker.

She did not want to die a lingering, painful death.

We researched options and found the only really working solution was Dignitas in Switzerland.

We joined and in July 2007 I accompanied my wife, dependent on oxygen and virtually bedridden and in pain, to Switzerland.

There she had a "morning tea" of an assisted suicide, ending her life on her own terms and in a wonderful, caring environment.

Subsequently, through my membership of the NSW Voluntary Euthanasia Party and discussions with many people, I found that my dear wife had obtained an ending yearned for by many others. Her life ending was extraordinarily beautiful and caring.

I have kept in touch with the lady doctor who assisted my wife and conclude that we are actually, or should actually, be looking for loss of quality of life, not just the effects of aging.

The last time I saw Dr Preisig she was assisting some 40 year or so old man who had an incurable disease that had him wheelchair bound and on oxygen. He could have been kept alive for many years but with no quality of life and was allowed an assisted suicide.

This is just a brief precis of what could be an extensive treatise.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say.

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