

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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I have witnessed 6 family members dying painful and humiliating deaths. Including both parents. Despite having legal terminal care directives I found that doctors would ignore these and try and do things that were not acceptable. They would not give any assurance that if they did these 'extra things' that the patients would in fact improve. All they did was prolong the misery for both patient and family. My parents both asked for massive doses of morphine to end their suffering but were not able to get this. It was degrading and hurtful to see them suffer like dogs. If it was an animal they would be euthanased - no questions asked.

How can you possibly justify that a person has no right to say when they are ready to die when there is CLEARLY no way back from their illness.

The only justification, and it is quite lame, is that "oh well they might want to kill aunty Flo to get her money" - That is a pathetic excuse for the religious right to take charge of the debate and enforce their views.

The fact is there is no logical argument for taking away someone's dignity when they are clearly not coming back. The 'oh well, every life is important' argument simply doesn't add up. Clearly, the only life that is important is the one worth living.

It is not up to you as legislators or anyone else for that matter to tell people when they can end their suffering.