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This call for Voluntary Euthanasia legislation is short, sincere and personal.

My father, Walter Herbert Morris, was a First World War hero who was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in France. He had direct eyewitness experience of pain, suffering and death in the brutality of war. In the late 1940s he contracted spinal cancer. I was too young to understand his own torment and suffering during his final months of agony in a London hospital. But my mother and older siblings told of how he begged each day for an end to his unbearable pain -- the high doses of morphine provided no relief at all from the ordeal that he endured.

Those who block and impede the passage of VE legislation have either no experience of a family member being subjected to long and interminable pain -- with no hope of recovery; or they have a misguided religious belief that subverts compassion, empathy and humanitarian values and coldly rejects the clear wishes of a dying patient.

Incontrovertible evidence, from countries that already permit VE, shows there is no 'slippery slope' towards the wholesale demise of the aged and infirm. Clear safeguards exist to prevent unscrupulous relatives from exerting pressure on the terminally ill to hasten death through VE. There is no sane reason, other than adherence to some ancient religion, that precludes all States and Territories of Australia to enact meaningful laws that allow terminally ill patients to request an end to their suffering, and to die on their own terms -- with compassion and dignity.

I trust Victoria will be the first State to show leadership on this vitally important issue and enact legislation that allows the humanitarian principles of Voluntary Euthanasia to become a reality. It will set the benchmark for other States to follow, and bring Australia into line with the ethical principles of Europe's contemporary secular nations.

Sincerely,

Brian Morris

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