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To, MS LILIAN TOLP,
 SECRETARY LEGAL + SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
 PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
 SPRING STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3002

ML SWARBICK

Dear Madam,

I want to express my own views to the Victorian Parliament regarding End of Life Choices. I am an old lady of almost 87 years (birthdate 30.10.1928). My husband (decd 24/07/95) myself + my two sons Reg + David arrived in Australia on 06/05/1959 and my husband and myself took an Australian Citizenship in 1960. I am mostly Belgian born + bred - my husband was English. I strongly believe that we each as individuals should have the right to choose and decide when to depart this life. Not everyone wants to continue living when old, tired and in constant pain let us at least die in peace. My own Birth Country has far more enlightened views on these matters and people are able to hold on to their dignity and die peacefully. My own younger sister chose this way after struggling for over 3 years with cancer, different operations and treatments and ever spreading cancer cells. So she chose to have the final injection whilst in company of her husband, children + grand children. She felt loved + tender and went calmly + peacefully and was free of all her pains. I am suffering with Chronic Osteo Arthritis and in constant pain. I've had operations but the condition keeps advancing and medications make me very nauseous so they don't help. I don't want to have anymore operations and I can't face all the rehab anymore and the condition keeps worsening. I really feel too old now and truly want to have my final peace. By the way I was brought up as a strict Catholic. So I do understand the fight against such remedy but I also think firmly we should be allowed to have our own choice and depart in Dignity.

I hope + wish for some enlightened feeling + Decision on this very important matter. Please let us go with dignity!

Very Sincerely,