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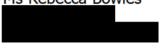
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Thank you for having this debate that is very much required in our society, however I can't say that it is long over due as many of these have been held in the past so I am sure for many people concerned with this issue it would feel like Groundhog Day. I hope that this will not be the case with this inquiry and something substantial will come out of it.

On a more personal footing I have watched my father who was diagnosed with Progressive Supernuclear Palay (PSP) five years ago, turn from a vibrant man about the world, who had an insatiable appetite for life, to a person that I do not recognise, I have actually forgotten who my dad is.

He hasn't walked for two years, is totally incontinent so wares a nappy, is blind, can barely eat and chokes even to drink, and even worse than that he can't communicate just grunts.

No more heated political discussion, no more barracking insanely for the Swans, no more making a complete mess in the kitchen when he cooks, no more appreciating beautiful woman when they walk passed, no more business deals and no more friendships. No more kicking the footy or backyard cricket with the grandkids.

A life well lived just to die like a vegetable in a compost heap. I wouldn't wish it on anyone.

It is not right so maybe the powers that be should walk into as many nursing homes as possible and just see the situation as it is, and hope to whatever power there is that they die from a massive heart attack while they are sitting on a beach drinking a cocktail.

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