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Dear Standing Committee,

I wish to contribute to the Standing Committee inquiry into end of life choices.

Having seen my mother suffering without hope in a terminal illness for months in a most undignified manner, I feel very strongly that option for legal euthanasia is needed. A competent, terminally ill person whose life lost all quality, should have the right and the option to decide when to end her/his suffering in a dignified manner.

I realise wishfully ending someone's life won't be the choice of many, but should be available to those who fell strongly about dying with dignity and competent to make that decision or made a legally binding arrangement as such in advance.

The option to legalise euthanasia is discussed extensively in Australia, many surveys indicating the majority would favour this option but after so many debate unfortunately the issue is not resolved. Opponents attacking the issue on many grounds but the main argument preventing access to legalised euthanasia seems to me the christian ideology of 'sanctity of life'. They say – you can't play God. But who is playing God today other than the medical profession who use advanced medical technology so they can keep people alive in a hopeless situation where by nature a person should be dead long time ago.

I need to emphasise again legally available euthanasia should be an option and opponents are free to choose other mean of end of life choices, but they should not deny this opportunity to those who wish to use this option and take control in advanced terminal illness.

Warning or danger signs like 'state assisted murder', 'slippery slope' hasn't not been confirmed in many countries where euthanasia is legal for many year.

Risk of abuse especially in social context should be considered and this issue is a matter for medical and legal experts. Legally available voluntary euthanasia

should have clear legal medical, psychological guidelines and should not be easily available, but it must be available to competent people with the will and desire to die in dignity when their life lost all quality.

I sincerely hope this Standing Committee Terms of reference into Inquiry into End of Life Choices will consider all aspects of legalising euthanasia in depth, and come up with strong recommendation to make available this option for people who wish to exercise their preference for the way they want to manage their end of life.

Your sincerely

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