

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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My daughter 24 years and 9 months shared many deeply personal conversations on having the right to choose to end her life with dignity and not being alone for the process. She spoke of travelling to Germany or the Netherlands to legally end her life as she knew she fitted the criteria, but also knew of the consequences both financially and legally to me. So this was not an option she felt. My daughter shifted her own life and passed on the 3rd of March this year. I was in our home at the time of her choice to end her life totally uniformed sleeping in another room as she knew she could not legally inform me. She protected me and I do not believe that any person should have to pass alone. This is a "divine rite" of passage and I would have been there with her if I was able to have been legally for her in a controlled environment. Instead the courage she took by protecting me is not humane. She suffered Type 1 diabetes and Border Line Personality Disorder. Her immune system was breaking down dramatically and she suffered greatly on a daily basis. She spoke so much to me regarding her choices and she felt there no options to support her. Her clarity and rational in this matter of her existence was truly remarkable and she could not understand why she could be

supported in another developed country and not her own. I want to support changes to our end of life choices in Australia and be active in any support I can give in her memory.

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