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The following firmly held beliefs form the basis of my submission.

I believe that each of us , when we get to adult mental capacity, actually owns their own life, for if they do not, what is it that they actually do own?

I believe that as suicide is not a crime, that the assistance to help another to suicide should they be physically unable to do so, should not be a crime either.

If one has full mental capacity as judged by a doctor or maybe a Magistrate, and wants to bring one's own inevitable death forward to avoid a lot of equally inevitable suffering and anguish, not just personally but also to those to be left behind who love you, then it is inhumane for the laws we make to not allow this to happen.

Laws permitting slavery were changed because they sanctioned that inhumane practice, and it is time for us to allow voluntary euthanasia as a choice for the patient, not the pontificator.

Each of us owns our own life and no matter how small or larger part we have played, it is just that ---our life, our journey and our suffering. In Australia the right to end one's own life is not in dispute, it is the de-criminilising of others who are needed to assist one too weak or frail to affect a peaceful, humane and dignified end that is called for.

It is almost too hard to imagine how it would feel to be lying in misery and pain, with all the side effects of the drugs that are not helping, assuming there is enough pain control, which so frequently seems not so; and that dreadful warm feeling of soiling yourself and being too weak to move; and tomorrow will be worse because cancer always wins, as it is winning here; and there is not a thing you can do about it—it is an utterly inevitable terrible death; and no-one can help you die peacefully and respectfully, without going to

jail.

If anyone who reads the few lines above, and imagines oneself to be the one in the bed, could possibly not want to change the laws that cause this, is totally beyond any comprehension.

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