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I believe that all individuals who are terminally ill or experience an illness with chronic and unendurable symptoms should have the right to make an informed choice to die in their own time, with dignity and in the manner of their choosing.

I understand there are complexities regarding this decision and provision should be made to protect those who are physically and or intellectually disabled, those with mental illness and the elderly.

The premise of this decision for individuals is that they must be of sound mind, the decision should be taken with full knowledge and it must be an individual choice not corrupted in any way by undue influence from other parties.

The decision could be reviewed by at least two practitioners to verify this is the case and to ensure nothing is untoward.

My life experience and experience in the nursing profession has shaped my views and I believe that every person has the right to die with dignity, peacefully, having got their affairs in order and said their goodbyes. They also have the right to die without fear that their loved ones will be investigated and they have the right to die with the knowledge that they have not potentially committed some sort of criminal act through their choice.

We need to be a compassionate and accepting society and not let the fear of what could potentially go wrong with a few, hinder the progress in recognising individual choice in this area, for the many. With the right procedures in place I think the the decision to give people choice about the end of their life would be an amazingly positive and progressive step. I would certainly feel better about my life journey knowing that these choices were an option for me.

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