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I would dearly love to see assisted suicide become legal in Australia.

I have been a registered nurse all my working life and have seen some horrific deaths.

I have heard many people beg to be allowed to die, all to no avail. I always looked on and thought 'I will never let this happen to me'.

When I picture myself in such a situation, I would wish for a bottle of Nembutal to be freely available for me to take when things got absolutely intolerable. Having it there would relieve so much existential suffering, which is part of the fear and pain of dying.....a fear of not knowing how much worse the pain, disability or degradation can become. Knowing it was there would enable me to live out a week or two more as, if I were to suicide some other way, I would need to be coherent and have ability, thus perhaps performing the act sooner than necessary.

There is no reason why I, a 'pro choice' person, should have to live under the rules of those who chose life at all costs. I don't interfere with their choice, they should not be able to interfere with mine.

Let's make assisted suicide legal.