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Honourable Members,

I have been a GP practicing in the Aged Care Sector for 15 years. I have often been managing patients nearing death. There are adequate pain relief and anxiety relief medications available by multiple routes of administration and there are caring nursing staff to help people in the transition to their death.

People being treated for their severe pain sometimes die earlier than they would have if they were not treated for their pain, but overdosing people to cause death is not a medical procedure.

Do you really want to give doctors the power to willingly kill people? We have seen many cases where people beg for death only to regret it later. I am thankful that we are not allowed to grant the sometime delusional wishes of patients.

Yours faithfully,

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