

Hon Edward O'Donohue MLC
Chair
Legal and Social Issues Committee.

Inquiry into End of Life Choices.

In December 2012 my family and I watched my husband pass away in palliative care after a 5 year battle with prostate cancer. His last 2 weeks in this facility was absolutely horrendous for all of us. 10 of those days he was "*unconscious*" as we watched him fade away to a skeleton, unable to communicate with him until the drugs eventually shut down his organs. After having **very little quality of life for the last 5 months** of his life why should he and the family have to go through this additional trauma? The Doctors and medical staff were wonderful but must follow strict guidelines and they must also suffer from seeing patients in this state day after day, just waiting till they pass away!

It is not only cruel to the patient, but also the family and close friends to have to watch a loved one suffer in such an inhumane way.

No one should have to endure a debilitating, painful illness for months and in some cases years only to have to suffer such an inhuman ending to their life? Why can't they be given a **one only lethal injection** once they have reached the final stages of their illness when **no miracle is going to happen to reverse their illness.**

My 20 year old grandson now has terminal secondary cancer and my only wish is that his final days are more comfortable and he can die with dignity.

Assisted Euthanasia is a must to end this terrible suffering endured by so many.

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