

Secretary Legal & Social Issues Committee

Att: Ms Lilian Topic,

In January 26 2008 after a long battle with Alzheimer's my father passed away, but not before enduring year of hurt, sadness and humiliating indignities. At least he had no recollection of what was happening to him but I do. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN TO ME.

In August 2014 after a long battle with Myelofibrosis my mother passed away, but not before also enduring year of hurt, sadness and humiliating indignities. Unlike my father my mother was of sound mind but wasting body and witnessed all, often with tears, many tears. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN TO ME. I will not put my love one's under the same heart break that I suffered and still do.

We can speak and make decisions legally for an unborn child but are unable to make the same decision for ourselves go figure.

I have no doubt that many a suicide is directly contributed to the inability to make the decision through legal means (voluntary euthanasia), and I have no doubt that many many more will occur for the same reason. This cannot be allowed to continue the law must be changed; the stress I was under over those many years (approx 20 years) almost took its toll on me. I hope to live a long and healthy life enjoying my family and friend but if I am dealt that wrong card it my choice to throw in my hand no one else.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter

Tommy Fornito

