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I have worked in nursing and healthcare all my working life (over 25 years thus far) and firmly believe that euthanasia is a personal right that an individual should be able to choose at the end of their life.

End of life decisions are very personal and individual taking into account many many factors for each person, not two being the same. Each person should have the right to make their own decision if they have the capacity to do so at the time or beforehand by written legal authority like a living will. This should be able to include the actual event of death not just the prolonging of life by withdrawing life sustaining treatment whilst they inevitably suffer in a way that we as humans do not let our pets suffer.

If a person wants to make this choice for themselves then let them, if they don't then they do not need to. Bringing in euthanasia should only be on a voluntary basis of the individual involved like organ donation or under the strict guidance and supervision of medical practitioners where the person is no longer able to decide for themselves but it is clear that suffering is taking place and the family consent and medical practitioners agree - just as in organ donation. No one is forced and no one suffers.

This can be done and is effectively done already overseas. It can be done here. We need it to be done here. It is our right as humans to make this choice.