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I have a very strong belief that we human beings should have the right to voluntarily end our lives when our quality of life is so badly compromised as to take away all vestiges of dignity and well being.

My husband suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for 14 years. During that time I cared for him until I could no longer and had to reluctantly place him in care.

He resided at Mingaletta Aged Care Facility in Port Macquarie from February, 2011 until his death in August, 2013.

Six months before he died it was discovered that he had a Stage 4 Melanoma on his upper arm, for which he did not receive treatment, under advice from our medical practitioner and the terms of his Advanced Care Directive.

He suffered a dreadful death, full of pain and confusion, when finally his pain medication was increased and all sustenance removed, as he received palliative care. It took this formerly strong, healthy man 7 days to die.

I would not hesitate to do whatever was necessary to release my sick animal - why should my husband and soul mate have to suffer this awful, inhumane death???