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I just wish to add my name to the large number of Australians who are concerned about end of life choices and the adoption of legislation to allow assisted suicide.

My ex-husband died a most painful death, having more than 100 tumors in his spine, lungs and brain, however, he was kept alive at the hospital even though he was begging the staff to help him.

I know they did all they could to make him comfortable, but even on heavy pain killers, he was screaming in pain when they had to turn him or touch him at all. He was ready to go at least a week if not longer, before his death but yet laws wouldn't allow this.

Surely it is time to allow us to make our own choices. In cases like this where there is no possibility of cure and to remain alive is pure agony, surely we should have the compassion to allow a choice on this matter. We are kinder to our pets and wouldn't let them suffer this way.

In countries where assisted suicide is lawful, there has been no increase in people choosing this way to go, indeed, the peace of mind it brings to those in this position, just to know they can make that decision if they feel the need to do so, makes it easier for them to go on as they know the choice is there, many have been known to take their lives earlier than necessary just in case the time comes when they cannot do it for themselves.

Please see your way to making assisted suicide one of the choices available under legislation for end of life choices.

Thank You,
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