Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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I am a 66 year old pensioner and I truly believe in Voluntary Euthanasia. 2 years ago I lived through a friend dying of aggressive bowel cancer in Victoria. He lived at his daughter's home in absolute agony, before being delivered back to the hospital for his last few days. In the end the cancer had re-grown and blocked his bowel completely, even though he had it removed 12 months prior and was undergoing chemotherapy up until he died weighing just 45 kilos. He was over 6' tall. This to me is absolute torture. He should have had a choice to end the suffering.

I also watched my mother in a Nursing Home for 12 years, asking to die. She could do nothing for herself and had very bad scoliosis. Before being confined to a wheel chair she walked one foot at a time trying to balance herself as she was bent over so far that her head was only approx. 18" off the ground.

For years all she wanted to do was die with dignity. I had found her tied to a Porta Potty for hours and just left, until someone deemed it necessary to move her back to bed. In the end she choked to death. This torture for a War widow who worked up until she was 69 years of age, and died at 86 years of age.

I am a Baby Boomer, and I can tell you there will be a lot of suicides in the coming years because so many of us have watched our parents, partners and friends go through so much unnecessary suffering. WE NEED VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA. LIVING IN A NURSING HOME IS LIKE A FINAL TORTURE AFTER HAVING A GOOD LIFE, GETTING SICK AND NOT BEING ABLE TO DIE WITH DIGNITY IS THE ULTIMATE TORTURE. I will move to whichever State has the guts to bring in Voluntary Euthanasia, that is
how strongly I feel about it.