Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

Ms Dianne Lewis

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DYING WITH DIGNITY

I do not have any family – my parents have passed away – my mother died in Gosford hospital having fallen ill with an anarism in her stomach on the Friday and died on the Monday. My Dad had cancer and also died in Gosford hospital in palliative care. They were both lucky that they did not suffer for very long.

I have no brothers or sisters, children or family only some very good and caring friends.

I have had dogs put to sleep by the vet and I have been with friends who have had their dogs and cats ‘put down’ after an illness or very old age – a most humane way to go.

I do not wish to end up in a nursing home, tied to a chair, being fed, my body a mess and my brain still active. I have lived a full life and hopefully will continue to do so for some time to come as I am only 68. BUT when the time comes and my quality of life has gone, I want to be able to say ‘enough is enough’ and go to sleep humanely either by my hand or with the legal help of a doctor or hospital.

Voluntary Euthanasia must be brought in.

I do not wish to appear at a public hearing.

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File1:

File2:

File3: