Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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Yes, voluntary euthanasia must be implemented in Victoria. Here is why:
1. No one wants to suffer pain.
2. Australian palliative care is inadequate and expensive.
3. My mother was dying of cancer for 2 weeks, in her room with no airconditioner at 41 degrees, been kicked out of the hospital because they had ran out of beds. Is this a kind of end of life anti-VE advocates want for their parents, partners or children?
4. It's already here anyway. Nembutal can be purchased overseas and/or people just travel to the countries where it can be bought over the counter in pet shops (Mexico, for example) and commit suicides in hotels. Does this work better for anti-VE activists?

It is impossible to ban voluntary euthanasia. It will still be here whether politicians want it or not. It is just that there will be people who will make it into their illegal business who will be as impossible to catch as today’s drug dealers. People are buying Nembutal on the Internet as well.

Why should I care about someone’s moral principals, religios beliefs and other personal values when I am in great pain or gasping for air? I will be looking for means and will be prepared spend all my life savings to bring it to the end. Does it have come to that?

I want VE here. It is very much overdue. It's 21st century. If someone wishes to remain stuck with 18th century dogmas, let them. Not me. I want to live and dye in a humane civilised way. Like people do it in Netherlands. It is my right and my choice.

Regards,
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It has to be legalised

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