Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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Legislate for a good a death
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To my parliamentary friends
Please legislate for the good death
Please differentiate between the sanctified views of committees and peak bodies and the majority plea for individuals for a just choice

No place for language that infers guilt or shame
Suicide speaks of sadness and a failure to understand
Let’s not prefix it by physician assisted
Let’s use the language of respect
Let’s encapsulate the compassion of physicians from less complicated times
Let’s celebrate euthanasia – the good death
To allow us to choose
the elixir by our beds

Good physicians can diagnose my path
but my physicians must be recrimination free
Refusal of Treatment Certificates do not meet the need
and often lead to angst and family acrimony
We need rules, points to tick
that will empower our choice
Physicians know our bodies, our minds
but the time will come when the responsibility should be mine

If brave enough I’ll say my goodbyes
hair combed, eyes clear, pain disguised with glossed lips
and as the elixir bypasses the cruelty of the worst
“Granddad’s dead”
Yes, Granddad’s dead – he lived a good life
He loved you dearly but his time had come
The next generation by two
is aware that dying is just something
that we all get to do

I’d like my choice known
and if not brave enough or unable to self-medicate.
I’d rather not wait until deathly cold and numbed
to plea to those dear and around me
to listen to me
that my time come

I don’t want to splutter and to be seen in pain
by those I love and by those that care

Please legislate for choice to be an option of mine

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File2:

File3: