Aside from those who object on religious grounds ("we must allow our god to determine when we should die") I fail to understand the objections to a terminally ill person enduring the torment of extreme pain, indignity and humiliation and in full possession of his or her faculties voluntarily requesting, and being granted the right to die. This right would be granted pursuant to legislation with the necessary protections against abuses. There exists ample precedents for such laws in other parts of the world. But for the actions of our Federal Government Australians in the Northern Territory would have been granted this basic human right some years ago pursuant to well drafted legislation.