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Subject: FW: Submission: End of Life Choices Inquiry

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To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices,

Thank you for allowing me to submit my views on the End of Life Choices Inquiry.

I am a 75-yr old widow, having lost my husband due to terminal lung cancer (mesothelioma) almost 8 years ago.

After his diagnosis God graciously gave him another 2 years to live here on this earth, surrounded by his loving family (8 children & their partners, 20+grandchildren and me).

I hold these 2 final years as very precious in my memory, in spite of his great discomfort (breathing) and pain. He was able to be cared for at home by me, right till the end, with the support of the Silver Chain Assoc. Euthanasia NEVER crossed our mind. My husband was a living example of facing death graciously (he acknowledged it was part of God's plan & kept a positive outlook on life), which rubbed off onto our children, who were able to come to terms with his death when it finally brought relief.

I admit that there are cases where the illness causes much more stress and difficulty to handle, but euthanasia is not the way to go: it is God Who gives life, and it is up to His timing when it is stopped on this earth.

I beg you to do everything in your power to support palliative care so that people do not feel the need to end their life!

Yours sincerely,

Hendrina Mulder