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Dear Committee Members

Thank you for this enquiry.

We think the time has come for family individuals to have a say as to how they wish to endure their end of life circumstances.

We watched on helplessly as both our mothers endured uncontrollable embarrassing body functions along with severe pain, minimised somewhat by morphine administration, just laying there also unable to converse for weeks until finally after much suffering peace finally came. Palliative care can only do so much and is very inadequate in these situations, with no food or water just leaving them to die in this way is inhumane, we don't even treat our animals in this way.

It is very hard for visiting family members especially the young to also have to endure the vision of a loved one suffering unnecessarily.

To see them at peace after they had passed was a god send compared to the visions of agony etc previously.

It is our belief that the Power of Guardianship document should have a section whereby the individual concerned can illustrate in their own words how they wish to endure their own end of life circumstance.

The laws need to respect that and be adjusted to reflect such.

We are both Baby Boomers and our time too is coming, we would hope that this enquiry will open the door for much improvement in End of Life laws and strategies going forward into the future.

Thanking you all in anticipation

Yours faithfully

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