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Select Committee on End of Life Choices,  
Legislative Assembly,  
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Dear Committee,

Re: Submission of Support to the Inquiry into End of Life Choices

As a petitioner I consider a person has the right of free choice to end life that has become terminal with unendurable suffering through pain & no medical cure. Therefore, I support this leading to a Voluntary Euthanasia Bill subject to relevant conditions to protect misuse. I have based my decision on the following reasons:

- I am a 70 year-old mother & grandmother with a family breast cancer gene variant & as such have battled the cancer twice in 16 years. I know the cruel reality as it gets harder to treat each time & options will not be there in the future. I want to know there is a peaceful choice to end my life if all else fails & it gets to a point of unendurable pain & suffering.
- I have witnessed many dear friends with terminal cancer suffer cruelly in terrible pain & discomfort during the remaining months of their lives. Palliative care has not eased the pain in many cases.
- My late dear Mother, at 103 years was only in a full aged care facility for the last few months of her life but found a way to end her suffering by starving herself to death & refusing all medications. Every day in her last 12 months she had begged to die.
- It is a well-known fact that some doctors out of care for their terminal ill patients will allow higher doses of Morphine knowing it will ease their pain (not in every case) but hasten their deaths. This should be made legal as an end of life choice for the patient to make.
- A religious person will state it is against their faith & only God has the power. That is their choice. For the majority of us that don't follow a religion, surely if we are terminal there is a right of choice not to suffer & for a legal medical procedure to end our lives with peace & dignity.
- Our family pets have always had that kind choice. What about us?

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in support of end of life choices.

Yours sincerely

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