

## **Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland**

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# Inquiry into elder abuse in Queensland

The Queensland Parliament's Education, Arts and Communities Committee is conducting an inquiry into elder abuse in Queensland. The committee wants to learn more about the nature and extent of elder abuse, and how effectively current systems support older Queenslanders.

We want to hear from Queenslanders who have experienced elder abuse, to help prevent it, and make sure we respond to it effectively.

The committee is taking comments for the inquiry until 10 April 2025.

**Return by 10 April 2025**

Please send your comments to:

**Education, Arts and Communities  
Committee**

**PARLIAMENT HOUSE QLD 4000**

Or scan and email it to:

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## Your details:

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## What would you like to tell the committee?

My wife [REDACTED] was diagnosed with Heavy Body Dementia but later was diagnosed with stomach and bladder cancer. She died but the process has created traumatic stress for me as I had to fight for her to be pain-free. The staff did not understand dementia - she could not verbalize her pain and swallow so they needed to dispense and care for her differently. She did not receive morphine on time, one staff dispensed morphine in a syringe and it dribbled out. The driver was later used but she

wasn't given the full amount. Staff were "frightened" to overmedicate. I found it difficult to get staff to listen and I saw her in pain. The most difficult were the [redacted] male, RNs and AINs as they were hard and tough. It seems Drs and staff lacked <sup>care and concern.</sup>

There needs to be "voluntary assisted dying" for cancer and dementia. I don't want anyone else to suffer or die without dignity like my wife did.

Please attach extra pages as required

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