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Politicians need to debate and pass a compassionate law to allow terminally ill patients control over their end of life decisions i.e. access to Physician Assisted Dying (PAD). These patients are already terminal and such a law would support the patient's decision on when they consider their life has no longer any quality or is too painful.

Because it would be the patient's choice and therefore not everyone would avail themselves of such an option, but those who desire the control would have that option.

Currently desperate, suffering people are driven to desperate measures and often take their lives while they still have the control over their body, leaving horrific memories for their loved ones. Statistics show that methods used often involve, guns, rope, poisons, gas and many other ghastly methods.

Such a law (PAD), means the decision is with the person who is suffering. Safe guards, which have been in place for decades e.g. Oregon, USA, have proven that they are not abused. In fact Oregon statistics show that terminally ill patients, given a prescription for the necessary drug to use when they choose, often don't use it, knowing they have a safety net if pain becomes unbearable. They get on with living and stop worrying about a bad death.

It is time Politicians bit the bullet and voted to allow Queenslanders, the right to have control over this very important part of our lives, our death.

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