

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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My mother died a horrible death of ovarian cancer. She requested the doctor to end her life. She was prepared to have a second, even a third doctor witness her verbal request. She was prepared to sign a document to state her request as she was of sound mind.

I and her family firmly believe her request should have been granted, but the law prevented this happening. Mum was given all the pain relief legally possible so her wishes of dying at home could be granted. In the end, she had to be transferred to hospital, as her discomfort was too great to manage at home, hence her wish of dying at home was not granted. She had to die in the sterile surrounds of a hospital.

The law needs to be changed.

Even animals are not allowed to suffer in such discomfort, so why should humans?

When my time comes, I want to die on my own terms.