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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Dying with Dignity Submission

To all the Parliamentarians of Queensland,

I am sending this email to implore you to use your conscience vote to support the Voluntary Assisted Dying laws.

My Mother Hazel Pollard was a wonderful woman. She was selected to start a Preschool and teach disabled children. She found a real passion for her work at the State School for Spastic children and ended her career as a Deputy Principal (acting). Not only did she raise her own children in a house full of love, support and joy but she also guided very special children with love and care to achieve their full potential.

My Dad, the love of her life, had an accident where he ended up with brain damage and could no longer live the full and active life he previously enjoyed. Mum gave up her very rewarding career to care for Dad at home. If there were justice in the world you would expect that after loving and giving so much Mum would have had a peaceful and gentle end to her own life. There was no justice for her.

After Dad died Mum was diagnosed with a melanoma on the optic nerve of her right eye. Her eye was removed and she had a glass eye. She lost her depth of vision and could no longer drive her car safely. She then had to rely on public transport. She was then diagnosed with a tumor in her bowel. This was removed. The doctors then informed her that there were inoperable secondary cancers on her liver. She endured 18 months of chemotherapy. She bore it all stoically even when she was constantly nauseous. It was a cruel blow when the doctors told her that she had had the best treatment and it had not been successful. We watched helplessly as her health deteriorated.

The day came when she could no longer stay in her own home and she entered [REDACTED] hospice. The worst was still to come. At first she had some relief but as her condition deteriorated her suffering increased. She was in so much pain but could not be given enough Morphine to ease the pain because that dose would have been fatal.

We were told that it was only a matter of time until she died. How I wish there was some way she didn't have to endure that time. We don't let animals suffer unnecessarily! Mum's situation was so cruel. Eventually she died on 01.01.2000.

Such a wonderful person should not have had to endure what she went through. Nobody should have to endure what she did.

At the moment we cannot choose to eliminate our suffering by voluntarily ending our lives. The VAD Laws allow the option of limiting our suffering by choosing to die. It is a voluntary choice. No-one can force us to make that decision.

Please give deep consideration to cases like my Mum's death when you make your conscience vote in September.

Yours sincerely,

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