

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I cared for my mother, first of all, with a partial Home Care plan. She told me , no, made me , promise , that I would NEVER put her in an aged care home. She KNEW and i do, how bad they are. Also she wanted to live out her years in her own home, she had built and maintained etc for over 30 years , it was her HOME, + her cat who provided her with so much reason, love , for living. As we do for our children. She told me when 90 that 'Getting old is a bugger" She was in so much pain , from gout, arthritis (both) and possibly later that year an ITA which left her bed bound. Before that she would write to the local paper every day, did crosswords, including the cryptic ones ! and she had lots of letters from Ray Martin, eg she was SO there! At 90 she told me she wanted to die - I told I can't do that - I'd be charged with murder. She lost love of life, she lost use of her legs, I was looking after her almost 24 hours until , finally , years later, she was given a Level 4 Home Care program. Many of the following franchised Companies , were hopeless and worse for her. I finally found a good one - a year later. She still wanted to die - the pain was too much - Palliative care MAY work for some - there is a point where this does NOT work - the pain is too much . We, she , I, You, Your mother or father should not have to endure this when they have made a considered decision she wants to end her life when SHE wants to , When enough is enough. She was 93. The age is immaterial, I felt her pain. I could do nothing except care for her even when she was not conscious. PLEASE - bring in voluntary euthanasia. PLEASE .