

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Every older person should have the right to end his/her life if it becomes unbearable. To do so safely and without violence requires the assistance of a doctor to provide a prescription for a lethal drug. I strongly believe that Australian laws should be altered to make doctor-assisted suicide legal.

I have believed this for many years. I am now aged 92. I have known many old friends who have wished to die quickly and quietly but who are denied any assistance to do so. To deny any assistance by one's own doctor is cruel.

As mature people we have long had control of our lives, with whatever assistance we can get. Surely it is wrong to deny this right when we wish to end our lives.