

Palliative Care in Australia

I make this submission to support the use and development of responsible and sensitive palliative care wherever administered within Australia.

Severe pain is such a demoralising experience that seems to occupy the whole human being for as long as it persists. It disrupts all other functions and deprives one of normal daily interests and activities as well as a persons productivity and the various joy's of life.

Most of us have experienced hours, days or weeks of serious pain but to experience pain continuously requires special consideration and administration. The scope of this inquiry covers the wide range of considerations and is very comprehensive. The only suggestion I might make is to address the value of life, the involvement of family, the dignity of each individual and some recognition of the spiritual dimension, needs and benefits.

To achieve these objectives needs special people as carers, nurses, doctors, chaplins etc. people with the gift of being a carer and also as a professional.