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I would like the Euthanasia Bill passed and be available in all states however, Northern Territory and Aust. Capital Territory is a start.

At 26 yrs I had to watch my mother die a horrid and excruciatingly painful death from cancer. The horribleness of her death has stayed with me all my life - I am now 60. My father was so distraught at the horrible way his wife was forced to linger on. Dad never recovered from the experience and died of a broken heart only 5 years later.

I suffer horrifically with Rheumatoid Arthritis - am wheelchair bound, I have lost half a lung to the medication. The immuno supressant drugs nearly killed me so I cannot have them. There are NO new drugs on the horizon that are NOT immuno suppressant. I suffer terribly now with the pain and the disability it has brought me.

I want to be totally in control of my life and this means deciding when I have had enough pain and disability. I want the right to die when I want to, peacefully passing to the other side. There is no sense in continuing a life of horrific pain and disability.

I believe 80% or more of the population agree with my point of view.

Time to take the initiative and pass the Euthanasia Bill.

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