

Change.org Petition Update: lots of support, but this fight will be tight

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Tuesday was huge for me and my family - my plea for voluntary euthanasia was on the Sydney Morning Herald's front page, and every major radio and tv station attended our press conference at Parliament House.

It was very emotional to sit in front of so many cameras with my husband and two children, and explain what my life has become as a motor neurone sufferer. I saw many tears and the room was very quiet. I can no longer talk, so I communicated through my iPad with the support of my family — watch this to hear a bit of what I

said: <https://www.facebook.com/Change.orgAustralia/videos/1654472711259443/>

Now that the draft Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill is released, we have just a few months to convince enough politicians to vote in favour for it to pass. While we've got significant support from many, it's going to be a very close fight and I'll be calling on your support to help me get this life changing reform across the line.

Every day my life gets tougher, more cruel — I don't drive anymore, my fine motor skills in my hands are not there, I can't dress myself, I find it hard to breathe, making deep sleep impossible, I take ages to eat my food, it needs to be cut up and I can't move fast, and soon I won't be able to move at all.

Thank you for joining me on this journey, and please keeping sharing my petition to others.
Thank you,
Anne.

Ps here's a few links to some of the media coverage we got this week:

Draft bill to give NSW residents right to voluntary assisted dying in Sydney Morning Herald
<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/draft-bill-to-give-nsw-residents-right-to-voluntary-assisted-dying-20170515-gw59mh.html>

and

'Help me deny this bastard of a disease': Terminally ill mum begs for right to die in News.com.au
<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/health/health-problems/help-me-deny-this-bastard-of-a-disease-terminally-ill-mum-begs-for-right-to-die/news-story/90df2ec9797468d6b88c90177ca179c0>

<https://www.change.org/p/don-t-leave-me-trapped-in-a-dying-body-allow-me-to-die-peacefully/u/20315306>