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To Mr. Peter Hallahan,

re: Rights of the Terminally Ill
(Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

I am always dismayed, in times of proposals like the above Bill, at how much politicians are influenced by the highly vocal religious minority. They are not representative of our society which is mostly a religious or totally non-religious.

But what angers me deeply is that the organized religious factions are intent on imposing their beliefs on people like me who are pro-choice about matters of death and dying.

If they wish to endure their last days of their lives hooked up to machines, kept artificially in existence and lose all control over their own lives, they have that prerogative.

But nobody has any right to tell me how I should live, and end, my last days.

It is my life,

my death

my choice.

Yours
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