

The patient died with “good symptom control”.

Reads well, doesn't it?

Palliative care at its effective best, you might even say!

Yet examine the nursing notes relating to the last 11 days, as this man dies from incurable prostate cancer that has spread to his spine and upper thighs ...

5th July – admitted to hospital

7th July – back pain, just wanting to sleep

8th July – severe pain entire shift – patient constipated but cannot use bedpan because of excruciating back pain

9th July – pain control inadequate, morphine increased 50%

12th July – patient very distressed and screaming at beginning of shift
(later) morphine now 40mg plus sedative, still pain on movement

13th July – patient slept through night

14th July – respiratory rate slowed, patient unresponsive

15th July – patient died (Reference: *A Good Death*, Dr Rodney Syme, pages 94-99)

[*MLCs name*], you can legislate to give the next man with these symptoms the OPTION of relief from his suffering on day 1 in hospital, if that is his request.

Others who decide to suffer can choose to exist until day 11.

Please show Christian compassion for intolerable suffering.

Please vote YES for the Key- Parnell VE Bill

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