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Hello from me, Max Prince.

My lovely wife Maureen died in Manly Hospital on 14 October 2009.

She had Parkinsons and because of the lower immunity levels, she caught a bug in her lungs when she was baby sitting our new born grandson Ben in Dubai. Our son and his family lived there and worked in architecture before moving to Chicago 6 years ago.

My wife lay paralysed in Manly Hospital's ICU with polyneuropathy for 6 weeks.

They said "if you yell in her ear she might be able to hear you." She could not even bat an eyelid.

She had said to me many times over the years since she had been diagnosed with Parkinsons that she wanted the "plug to be pulled " when she was unable to live a normal life.

The Christian doctors in Manly Hospital would not pull the plug. She lay as a statue for those whole terrible 6 weeks before she died in the ICU late at night on 14 October.

I am surprised that the hospital did not float away as my tears flooded the building.

We need to know that a life is not just having one's heart still beating.

A life is being able to move and think and participate socially. When those things don't work, then we are not dead but we are not living the way we should be.

So please support any bill you propose in your ACT parliament that will allow citizens to end their life sensibly to avoid living in misery.

Yours,

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