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How I Want to be Treated When I Am No Longer Conscious

When we near the end of our lives, we often slip in and out of consciousness. This questionnaire is designed to help you tell people your wishes for how you would like to be treated at these times.

This is not a legal document. I recommend you give it to your carer or a loved one so they know your wishes.

Question 1	Answer (tick one)		
When I am not conscious, I would like:	All of the time / As much as possible	Some of the time	None of the time
a) To be left alone			
b) To have silence			
c) To have music playing			

What music would you like to have playing?	If you would like to have music playing, please list some music you would like. For e.g. rock music from when I was in my 20s; Australian pop music from the 1990s. You can also list specific songs.
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Question 2	Answer (tick one)		
When I am not conscious, I would like:	All of the time / As much as possible	Some of the time	None of the time
a) To have people around me			
b) To have someone sleep in the same room as me, if possible			
c) To go outside in nature, or to have nature brought inside to me e.g. flowers, plants, fresh air			



Question 3	Answer
Is there anyone specifically whom you would like to be with you, if possible?	Please list the person or people you would like to be with you if possible.
Is there anyone specifically whom you would prefer not to be with you, if possible?	Please list the person or people you would prefer not to be with you if possible.

Question 4	Answer (tick one)		
When I am not conscious, I would like:	All of the time / As much as possible	Some of the time	None of the time
a) To be touched or massaged			
b) To have aromatherapy or other scents in the air			

What types of touch or smells would you like?	If you would like physical touch or smells, give some examples. For example: I like gentle hand stroking, gentle stroking of hair; smell of rose oil, or lemons.
Are there types of touch or smells you don't like?	For example: I don't like being touched on my face; I don't like the smell of peppermint.



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Question 5	Answer (please tick one)	
When it looks like my body is about to die:	Yes	No
a) I would like to see a religious chaplain or minister if possible		
b) I would like to see a non-religious chaplain or minister		
c) I would prefer not to see a chaplain or minister		

If you would like to see a chaplain or minister, what is your preference for their religious background?	For example: I want to see a Christian / Muslim / Buddhist / interfaith or non-religious minister.
Is there anything specific you would like them to do or not do?	For example: I want them to say a prayer for me; I want them to give me a blessing; I don't want them to talk about God.

Question 6	Answer (please tick one)	
After I have died, if it is possible:	Yes	No
a) Please open a window or open the curtains		
b) Please sit with my body for a few minutes if you are allowed to		

Question 7	Answer
Do you have any other preferences for the time immediately after your body has died?	For example: a particular prayer to be said, someone to hold my hand, someone to put make-up on me, someone to make sure my body is clean before other members of my family/friends see my body.



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Contact me

You are welcome to contact me for a free, no-obligation 15-minute consultation about your end-of-life care and my other services.

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About me

I am Australia's only Ordained Interfaith Celebrant.

I provide support for people who would like a spiritual dimension to a Ceremony, whether or not you identify with a particular religion.

I am passionate about providing **affordable, authentic & meaningful services** for the spiritual but non-religious.

I offer support towards the end of a loved one's life, as well as spiritual counsel at any point in your life.

I also offer Weddings, Funerals and all other Life Ceremonies throughout Australia.

I am local to Wollongong, Sydney, the Southern Highlands and the South Coast of NSW.

For a comprehensive death and after death care plan, I also recommend <https://www.naturaldeathcarecentre.org/death-and-after-death-care-plan/>