



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
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## Submission Cover Sheet

### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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To The committee,

I am extremely doubtful about the proposal to legalise voluntary euthanasia. I think it will be abused.

I feel that the principle of "Thou shalt not kill" or those contained in the Hippocratic Oath, demonstrate that our forefathers realised a long way back that human beings cannot be trusted with the authority over life and death. The evidence from overseas, in places where euthanasia has been legalised, suggests that nothing has changed in this regard.

I would much rather see us continue to put our trust in our palliative care professionals and leave the option of deliberate killing to one side.

For your consideration.

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