Submission Cover Sheet

End of Life Choices in the ACT

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Re: I am an ACT resident, here is my submission to the inquiry

Dear Secretary,

I ask members of the Inquiry to ensure that, of all the voices they listen to in relation to legalisation of euthanasia in the ACT, they should certainly listen to that of Professor Margaret Somerville of the School of Medicine at Notredam University in Sydney, who has spent some 40 years working and writing in this field. Apart from that, I have to say that, now at age 89, I am aware only of horrible examples of legislated euthanasia (e.g., Belgium and Netherlands) where safeguards against unauthorised extensions or malpractice have failed. I ask the members of the Inquiry to weigh this evidence with much more that the usual care. Personally, I strongly oppose legislating to make euthanasia legal in the ACT

Sincerely,
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