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End of Life Choices in the ACT

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**Submission to: ACT Legislative Assembly – Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT
*Inquiry into End of Life Choices in the ACT***

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I wish to place a submission, as a private citizen, in response to the Invitation for Public Submissions to the *Inquiry into End of Life Choices in the ACT*. Although a resident of WA and not of the ACT, I see the response of each State or Territory in this matter as very important for the country as a whole.

I strongly support the need for good legislation to allow voluntary assisted dying, with safeguards.

I have made a submission to the current WA Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices (“*WA Inquiry into the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end of life choices*”). My submission is available at the WA Inquiry webpage at: [http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID\)/AE39E39EC8294EE14825821E000FCF69/\\$file/20171023+-+EOLC+-+Sub+643+-+Ms+Mary+Aerts.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID)/AE39E39EC8294EE14825821E000FCF69/$file/20171023+-+EOLC+-+Sub+643+-+Ms+Mary+Aerts.pdf)

A substantial majority of the Australian population supports legislation for end-of-life choices, including the availability of voluntary assisted dying with safeguards.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion, and I urge you to ensure that good legislation for end-of-life choices and voluntary assisted dying is placed before the ACT Parliament.

Mary Aerts
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