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Dear VAD Project Team,

Thank you for your update.

There is little I wish to add to my previous submission, other than you should hold firm about your policy on conscientious objection. Especially where the health practitioner is publicly funded, there should be no carve-out for conscientious objection. Those people should be required to refer any query about VAD to someone who is prepared to help. Private practitioners could put up a sign in their waiting room advising their stance.

On a related matter, I thoroughly approve the ACT Government takeover of Calvary Hospital. No publicly-funded body should be able to refuse procedures like abortion and sterilisation. They should also not have the right to resist helping those who will require VAD.

Many thanks again.

Regards,