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End of Life Choices in the ACT

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I hereby enclose my submission to the Inquiry into End of Life Choices

Inquiry into End of Life Choices

I wish to add my support to the proposal that people have the right to make their own choices about the circumstances regarding the end of their life. In this regard I have already completed and lodged the necessary forms enabling a Quality End of Life Journey with ACT hospitals.

I strongly believe that every adult of sound mind should be able to decide for themselves when and how they should die. As a responsible human being it should be my right, and mine alone, to ensure that my death is as peaceful and comfortable as possible and at a time of my own choosing. In this regard I do not wish my family to have to go through the trauma of making decisions on my behalf should I become incapacitated and/or suffering from some incurable and/or painful disease.

I have discussed the matter with family and friends and we are all of the opinion that voluntary euthanasia should be available to those who want it. It should be unlawful for people with different religious views to interfere with my decisions and if euthanasia is voluntary there should be no problem in this regard.

In a country as large as Australia it is ridiculous that different states should have different laws. Victoria has legislated for voluntary assisted dying and it is absurd that the ACT cannot do likewise. The policy has been successfully enacted in various European countries and there is no reason why this cannot be the case in the ACT.

I urge the ACT government to take the necessary steps to ensure that voluntary euthanasia is a legal option in the ACT and is readily available to those who want it.

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