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

Dear Secretary,

I wish to express my view that euthanasia is never acceptable in our modern society. Life is a precious gift and we need to support all members of the community, especially families, in caring for those that require additional care. If people are experiencing pain, then palliative care should be available. Also, information about palliative care and avenues to provide this should be readily available. A very definite line must be drawn between supporting life and supporting termination of life. We are all responsible (family, government, medical staff and social workers) to provide support and services to enhance the general well-being of our community members. As soon as we provide options to kill an innocent person in our community, under any guise, we have a conflict of interest. We cannot care for a person one minute and then kill them the next without causing internal turmoil and heartache in our ethical standards.

Sincerely,
Mike McAuliffe

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