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Dear members of the Committee,

I think it is scandalous that we citizens of the ACT should be deprived of the right to make our own laws on the matter of how and when we die.

That citizens living in those other parts of Australia known as 'the States' enjoy such a right while we do not is a manifest discrimination against us. As you must be aware, this unfair discrimination was visited upon us in 1997 by a Government with more regard for constitutional quibbles than for equality of citizens before the law.

I urge you to recommend that this unfairness before the law be ended, and that right soon.

I further urge you to recommend that, once this wrong is righted, a greater right be also enshrined in the laws of this jurisdiction, viz. the right for any of us to seek and obtain, at a time of our own choosing, under proper safeguards, proper assistance in dying painlessly and peacefully.

It is intolerable that the great majority, over 80% of Canberrans I believe, who support such a reform of the law should be deprived of this human right by the inhumane, vociferous and frequently misinformed agitations of a decreasing minority.

Do your duty to your constituents and to basic decency!

Yours sincerely,

James Grieve