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

Dear Secretary,

My wife's mother passed away earlier this year following a battle with cancer. The whole experience with the hospice carers and effective palliative care made it a blessing to my wife and her family and gave great comfort to her mother in her last days. Taking the step of allowing for euthanasia will make it that much harder for families wanting to honour their loved ones and celebrate their lives. Once euthanasia is available, that will be seen as the cheaper option and families will be pressured financially to take it rather than using the wonderful hospice/palliative care approach currently available. Euthanasia cheapens human life and must be opposed. I think it is also concerning that the medical profession with its injunction 'Do No Harm' will be involved in killing people - a very dangerous step. Please don't allow this change - it is death-loving rather than life-affirming. yours sincerely

Sincerely,

Martin Keast

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