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From: Rhonda Swan
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Subject: I am an ACT resident, here is my submission to the inquiry
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Re: I am an ACT resident, here is my submission to the inquiry

Dear Secretary,

As a Canberran living in Hughes for 32 years, having grown up in Victoria, I write asking that we do not follow Victoria as we consider the "end of life" options in our community. My brother is a GP and took the Hippocratic oath which has been in existence over 200 years. How can we ask doctors who are trained to heal and save life to be the administrators of death? My eldest brother died of cancer back in 1983 at 36 years of age. It was hard to see him suffer but if I were in his shoes I would want the best palliative care available. I disagree with assisted suicide. Watching a friend walking with a loved one at the moment who last week looked like passing away and this week is sitting up talking and sharing jokes and tears. Who can know what the human body is capable of in the way of self restoration. Should someone in a "dark" place who is feeling unwanted be helped to end their life because they feel they are a burden to others? Or should we have to carry a card saying "to be revived" and have the stress of going to hospital not knowing if we might have care from someone who thinks the best thing for me is to die? As per the situation in Holland. Although I do not know as much as I could about this possible legislation and its impact on society it seems that its possible uses and impact on the psyche of our society in general would be all bad. Here we are trying to help others in our society not to suicide and we basically legitimise it with a euthanasia law. Please do not bring this legislation into law, Put money into palliative care instead. Claire Holland House is always full. Let's extend it. Let's train more people to work in this space. Let us continue to build a compassionate and healthy society.

Sincerely,
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