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

Dear Secretary,

I am strongly against the proposal to introduce the assisted dying legislation. My concerns stem from recent experiences and genuine possibilities of misuse and even abuse. My elderly mother recently passed away, for many years she was adamant she not be a burden to family. She was blessed with a pain free end of life experiencing excellent palliative care in her aged care facility which was her 'home' she was surrounded by family and love. She had strong faith and died peacefully. She felt loved and respected to the end which is what they long for, they don't ask for much. I am concerned that some families will encourage assisted dying to suit them as the palliative care way can be difficult for family and we all know of families in a hurry to get their inheritance. Also funds will not be put into palliative care nor research if assisted dying is seen as an easy choice. This is contrary to our excellent health system. Please do not agree to assisted dying.

Sincerely,
Gemma O'Sullivan

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