Submission Cover Sheet

End of Life Choices in the ACT

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I write this submission in support of the legalisation of voluntary assisted dying for people who have a terminal illness and/or are suffering intolerably.

I currently live in Queensland, but I am writing about the death of my father which occurred in New South Wales. My father had liver cancer which had spread to many of his internal organs. He spent the week prior to his death vomiting faeces. He asked me to get some plastic tubing that he could connect to the exhaust of his car to kill himself. I supported his wish to end his life, but I had to refuse. He said that if situations were reversed, he would do it for me.

The smell of the buckets and buckets of faeces is something I will never forget. The look of horror on his face when he realised what he was vomiting I will never forget.

He was admitted to hospital and died the day after he was admitted.

WHY, WHY, WHY did he have to go through this?

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