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

Dear Secretary,

Please do not consider implementing state supported taking of life. I am a physician in the ACT and I will not be involved in the taking of life. There are simply no safeguards that can be verifiably implemented that can protect vulnerable people in this process. As a doctor, my contract with my patient is to care for them and do the best that I can to make them better. There are no circumstances under which my relationship with the patient should ever involve taking their life, even at their request. Human life is God given. We should have no role in taking it away. There are already marked pressure from families on the elderly relatives, making them feel that they are useless and ready for being discarded. There are many ways that this can push already vulnerable people towards asking to be killed. This is an appalling development and we should resist doing it. I for one will have nothing to do with it.

Sincerely,
Giles Walters

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