To those it may concern,
We want to make a submission to the Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT.

My husband and myself are long term ACT residents having lived here for 27 years,
My husband now retired, worked for many years in the Taxation office, and I am a practicing registered nurse.

We as members of the ACT community are vehemently opposed to the introduction of legalized Euthanasia.
As a medical professional I know that to take a life in an unnatural manner is vastly different to supporting a dying person to a natural death.
The value of all human life from conception to natural death is one of the pillars on which our successful society was built.
If you further erode this by allowing Euthanasia you are drastically changing these foundations, and will in due course erode the standard of living for our society as a whole.
This is because if one life is not valued, be it an elderly and sick person, a disabled person, or a teenager who is struggling with severe depression, then it devalues all human life in that society.
We must continue to seek ways to help these people to LIVE their lives successfully until natural death not give them legalized options/ excuses to opt out.

Therefore we urge that the territory of the ACT NOT go down the path of Assisted Suicide/ Euthanasia,
but instead become known for excellence in support of those who are dying,
excellence in assisting those who are struggling with mental health issues,
and superiority in excellent care for those who are disabled.

This can be facilitated by ensuring that our palliative care facilities are well funded and of a world class standard, that our mental health facilities are well funded and staffed,
and that our disabled community members are supported and able to make their own wonderful contribution to a healthy and vibrant LIVING community of people.
Let the ACT be known for supporting LIFE not death.

Yours Most Sincerely.
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