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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT**

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## Submission Cover Sheet

### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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## **SUBMISSION: Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT**

My view on "the desirability of voluntary assisted dying being legislated in the ACT" is that **YES** this is something that is required and the sooner it is available the sooner the suffering of so many people can be stopped. Or at least those persons will have the choice, know they have the choice and the means and can end their life if they wish.

Federal Legislation: it's past time that we Australian citizens resident in the ACT enjoy the same rights as residents of other states.

PLEASE make this right.

Helen

On 30 November 2017, the ACT Legislative Assembly established a Select Committee to review and report on end of life choices in the ACT.

The Committee is required to conduct its inquiry and report to the Legislative Assembly **on or before the last sitting day in 2018 (29 November 2018)**.

The Committee's full terms of reference are to inquire into and report on:

1. current practices utilised in the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preference in managing the end of their life, including palliative care;
2. ACT community views on the desirability of voluntary assisted dying being legislated in the ACT;
3. risks to individuals and the community associated with voluntary assisted dying and whether and how these can be managed;
4. the applicability of voluntary assisted dying schemes operating in other jurisdictions to the ACT, particularly the Victorian scheme;
5. the impact of Federal legislation on the ACT determining its own policy on voluntary assisted dying and the process for achieving change; and
6. any other relevant matter.

The Committee is inviting all those interested in the inquiry to make a submission to the inquiry.

Lodgement of submissions is requested by c.o.b. **Friday 23 March 2018. (Please note: Date extended from 23 February 2018)**

The Committee prefers submissions to be type-written and submitted in electronic form, although handwritten submissions are also acceptable. All submissions should include an email address, a postal address and a telephone contact number.

Submissions are to be sent to: [LACommitteeEOLC@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:LACommitteeEOLC@parliament.act.gov.au)

Secretary, Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT, Legislative Assembly for the ACT, GPO Box 1020, CANBERRA ACT 2601.

If you would like to make a submission but will have trouble meeting this deadline, please contact the committee secretary.

Please feel free to pass this information to other people and organisations you feel may be interested in the inquiry.

For further information about the inquiry please contact the Committee Secretary, Andrew Snedden on (02) 6205 0199 or at [andrew.snedden@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:andrew.snedden@parliament.act.gov.au).

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