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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kate Roffey, and I support Voluntary Assisted Dying.

I work as a veterinary nurse, and I often have conversations with people, including human nurses, that I am lucky to be in an industry where we are afforded the luxury of helping end an animals suffering through euthanasia, and that they wish that those in the human medical field were allowed the same rights. I don't think I could work in a similar role as a human nurse, having to repeatedly watch people suffer at the end of their life.

I watched a loved one die from stomach cancer, where they were in so much pain at the end, that they weren't conscious from the amount of morphine they were on. It angers me that this wouldn't be tolerated were this someones pet, yet we as a community would tolerate this in our mothers and fathers, grandparents, uncles and aunts and siblings.

It is about dignity and the right to make our own choices. The only way that we as individuals are going to be able to make our own choices is if firstly the federal government remove legislation preventing the ACT to determine its own policy on voluntary euthanasia, and then the ACT government legislating to permit us to make our own choice with regards to our end of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

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