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## Submission Cover Sheet

### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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Dear Committee

I support the ACT adopting voluntary assisted dying laws. I believe this can be done with appropriate safeguards to protect the vulnerable, but while allowing Territorians to choose to end their lives with dignity (in certain circumstances).

I think the Victoria model is a good starting point, although I'm worried about how strict that will make it to access assisted dying as it is limited to those with a terminal illness and severe pain. I agree with Kathy Eagers comments in this article: <http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-02/euthanasia-is-not-just-about-unbearable-pain/9214008?pfmredir=sm>

Thanks to Tara Cheyne for highlighting that this inquiry is currently underway.

If there is a mailing list for updates about the committee's could you please add me to it?

Regards  
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