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

Dear Secretary,

As a doctor and citizen, and a carer to elderly relatives, I strongly oppose the introduction of euthanasia, and feel it would truly be a dangerous step. It will diminish our respect for life as a community, and decrease our respect for the elderly, frail and disabled. I do not believe that any law will be able to provide adequate safeguards to prevent undue pressure being placed on the elderly. I believe that if our society sanctions the taking of life, or assisted suicide, then we are propagating the lie that some lives are not worth living. We will be greatly diminished as a society if we go down this path.

Sincerely,
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