Dear Select Committee On End of Life Choices in the ACT

SUBMISSION re EUTHANASIA being considered in ACT

Life is a gift of God, not to be deliberately taken. I write as a God fearing Christian and retired former Registered Nurse of over forty years. Please do not agree to legislation for Euthanasia. I agree for my Submission to be published.

Please remember that the Australian Medical Association, and Australia palliative care professionals warn against it; Belgium medical professionals, and Victorian cancer specialists and American College of Physicians oppose it. Professionals in the medical field know what they are talking about and why.

Please remember supposed "safeguards have failed in other countries:-

Quebec, 2 years of consequences
Belgium, experience shows "safeguards" are impossible
Canada, failed "safeguards"
Netherlands, occurrences of violations of "safeguards".

Euthanasia is a perverse societal encroachment on religion, psychology, causes the ill and troubled to be tempted to take what can "seem" an easier solution than to seek available help and likewise further on youth in current difficult times, and puts pressure on disabled and elderly to yield to "not being a burden" on families and the community. It is against the Hippocratical oath of medical doctors to preserve and comfort life - Funds need to be increased for Palliative Care, especially in regional areas. Palliative Care is scientifically, ethically developed.

Sincerely

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