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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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To those to whom this concerns:

I do NOT agree with euthanasia and assisted suicide as proposed in a bill that is currently before the local ACT Government.

The local A.C.T. Government is apparently finding us oldies too expensive, so they want to get our permission to "put us down". That is the bare bones of it. When the euthanasia bill in Holland became law thousands of old people panicked and tried to flee to Britain.

It is far cheaper to kill an old person by giving them a painless injection than to give them Palliative Care (keep them comfortable, take an interest in them, keep the pain at bay, listen to the relatives, etc.).

Victoria has already passed such a bill into law. It is becoming very sinister.

Many of the doctors were "turned off" just at the thought of killing yet another patient, after all, they had sworn a vow of the Hippocratic Oath, in which the first line was "First do no harm."

There are a few Palliative Care nurses in each State. Just recently I read of Senator Stirling Griffis MP in South Australia who claimed that there were ~36,000 patients requesting Palliative Care. Only one quarter of these people received Palliative Care.

Of course the problem is that the State/Territory is probably unaware that the funding for Palliative Care and the nursing staff desperately need to be increased.

I would gladly donate to a fund set up for increasing such matters.

I and many others are battling to prevent this Bill from being passed into law.

Yours faithfully,

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