Submission Cover Sheet

End of Life Choices in the ACT

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

Dear Secretary,

Please consider seriously the foolishness of assisted suicide. It is dangerous on so many levels but most significantly on a life and death level. Why do we spend so much time and money on helping those (and their loved ones) who based on their age and their health status are considered dangerously suicidal avoid or recover from suicide attempts/success, while we support those who with differing age and health status are also suicidal to end their life? - the very opposite of the other. My experience of loved ones using Clare Holland House is FANTASTIC! Maybe the way forward is to fund it further and so increase the service available rather than allow people to end their own life prematurely. Either way, we seriously need to rethink euthanasia on any level and discover that at the end of the day it really is simply suicide, and the consequences of suicide are significant.

Sincerely,
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