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

Dear Secretary,

The issue of euthanasia and its legalisation here in Canberra is of major concern to me. We have spent years trying to help people who are at risk of committing suicide, only to turn around and say, 'Actually it is fine now, go ahead and kill yourself.' You cannot have a system that allows some people to be treated one way (elderly or sick) and others treated the complete opposite (people who are at risk of suicide) and expect there not to be problems in the management of such a system. You are literally saying to any potential suicide risk that ending your life is a real and legitimate solution. This CANNOT be allowed to happen. In addition, a human being is an incredibly complex and perfectly designed system. The body knows how to heal itself, protect itself and deal with most situations that it will encounter during a lifetime. When the body is ready, it dies, whether through old age, disease or injury. There is a reason why it works the way it does and to interrupt the natural process is misguided and wrong. Every life has value and should be left to run its' natural life course.

Sincerely,
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