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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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As a Christian and retired trained nurse I wish to add my support to the legislation for Voluntary Assisted Dying.

My mind was made up on this subject when I attended to a patient on a hot day in February about forty years ago in Kirribilli Private Hospital, Sydney.

She was fed via a Ryles tube and was incontinent.

The cells in her body were not regenerating and, despite good nursing care, the skin over her spine had broken down.

Her vertebrae were visible and blood and pus were present. Her bed was surrounded by Airwick bottles in an endeavour to keep down the smell from the other patients.

As we turned her ants ran from the wound.

She breathed one word, "Sore".

This from a patient who had not spoken in months.

At that moment my mind was made up.

We would not let animals suffer in this way.

Please pass the necessary legislation.

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