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I am 21 and am writing to express my concerns regarding the Inquiry into End of Life Choices in the ACT. Although I do not live in the ACT, I strongly believe that this is a national issue.

I will keep it short.

One of the largest objections I have to changing euthanasia laws is the double-standard that this will set. On one hand we advocate for suicide prevention, rightly so, and support those who feel isolated and alone and who may be experiencing immense hardship. Moving euthanasia- 'assisted suicide' or whatever term is eventually used in the Legislative Assembly- into the field of legal medicine will be detrimental to society.

To call this issue divisive would be an understatement. I just urge all those involved to consider the greater needs of society, particularly of the vulnerable.

Kindest regards,
Andrew Cumbo