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,

We strongly oppose making euthanasia (assisted dying) legal in the ACT. As with all human endeavour, we expect that legalising euthanasia will lead to unintended or unforeseen serious consequences. We know from our experience of life that all humans are experts at psychological and emotional manipulation. In fact our world accepts psychological and emotional manipulation daily (e.g marketing, media). We think there is a high risk that legislation that legalises euthanasia will be used by manipulative people for their own benefits. We are particularly concerned about the possibilities of ‘elder abuse’ via euthanasia, and the development of routine euthanasia of mentally ill or disabled people. We are also concerned about the risks of misdiagnosis of terminal illness. We have journeyed with three out of four of our parents who suffered and died of cancer, and had been very grateful for the wonderful palliative care they have received. At no point would we or they have chosen assisted dying. We wonder whether there is any research into how family and friends cope psychologically and emotionally after the death of a loved one who was ‘assisted to die’. Thank you for considering our submission, Tony and Carolyn Allen Hughes ACT 2605 Ph 02

Sincerely,
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