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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT**

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## Submission Cover Sheet

### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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My submission relates to Term of Reference 1 b)

I strongly support assisted dying and also voluntary euthanasia and hope to see it legislated very soon in the ACT.

I do not believe life has intrinsic value and is to be protected at all costs.

Decrepitude in old age, incurable illness or disability may rob one of any quality of life and result in unnecessary long term burdens on family and society, emotionally and financially, to say nothing of the pain, suffering and humiliation caused to the person concerned.

I believe that if a person records their end of life choice - be it palliative care, assisted dying or euthanasia, then this should be respected and legal.

If a person has not recorded their end of life choice and finds him/herself in sound mind, but with an incurable illness or disability, or aged and with an increasing inability to function without reliance on others - then I believe these people should be able to opt for palliative care or assisted dying.

And for those not of sound mind to make such a decision, then their relatives should be able to opt for palliative care or assisted dying on their behalf.

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