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,

I am opposed to euthanasia. I watched my father die of cancer, and currently have a dear family friend receiving palliative care. In both cases, I have seen the enormous significance of good palliative care, including pain relief, and support provided to family. This special, heartbreaking time is an important part of the grieving process. Adding the complexity of choice of death would be cruel; put pressure on people to die earlier, or for their family to make a choice we should never make. To willingly kill someone, no matter the circumstances, changes society for the worse. I would like to see more funding put into palliative care, and supporting family to look after their loved ones. Please consider the deeper social ramifications of euthanasia and do not make it part of our culture! Sincerely,

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