



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
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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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Greetings,

[1] My submission relates to term of reference point 2: "ACT community views on the desirability of voluntary assisted dying being legislated in the ACT"

[2] I strongly support such legislation because:

(a) death comes to us all, and while some people await it, others may wish to move forward to meet it

(b) nothing is more a person's property to deal with than his/her life

(c) it is nobody's business other than the person's: this is voluntary assisted dying, not compulsory, and people of other views are entitled to them, and to act accordingly, but they are not entitled to deny this basic right to others

(d) it is established practice in numerous jurisdictions (e.g. the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Oregon) so it would not be desperately daring to so legislate here, and these are real-life examples of how it works successfully

(e) like same-sex marriage, another voluntary option, believe it or not, the world would not be thrown into disarray, indeed, after legislating, people would ask what all the hyper fuss had been about.

Thank you,

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