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Dear Sir / Madam

I believe the ACT Government should not legalise euthanasia.

I believe that all people have the right to die with support and dignity.

People I have known who have died (in the ACT) have had superb palliative care, in the Hospice, Hospital and in one case at home.

It stands to reason, therefore, that there be a move for an increase in resources and facilities relating to palliative care in our Territory. Also, more discussion and education about palliative care and end of life options is needed in the community as a whole.

I have witnessed the care and love given at the ACT Hospice and would therefore like to see the facilities there, extended and perhaps, other similar places be established.

I am also concerned that if this law is passed, who will safeguard the rights of the person dying?

What safeguards would be put into place to frustrate misuse and abuse of the legislation ?

What considerations are there for those with a physical or mental disability; those who have sustained horrific injuries in car accidents -paraplegics, quadriplegics who will require long and expensive care just to survive ?

Would an option for end of life ever be considered in these cases ?

Who determines the desirability for voluntary assistance in dying ?

Does this put undue pressure on our medical profession, whose primary aim is to save the lives of people .

End of life is not our decision to make.

Law does not always equal justice.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely ,

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