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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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I have followed this subject and the results of its implementation for quite some time.

It is deeply concerning that , under the guise of ‘mercy ‘ the killing of human beings is being legalised. Over many years I have been involved with people in palliative care where the improvements have been remarkable and have allowed terminal patients to genuinely die with dignity - and not require others to “help” them on their way - with the responsibility which must gnaw at them if they are human beings with ANY sensibility. The Hippocratic oath requires those who take it to ‘ do no harm ‘: killing, whatever you choose to call it, is the ultimate removal of life.

There are many people who are lonely and depressed with mobility problems: help them , don’t kill them. Where I live , in a retirement town, I am unfortunately aware of greedy families putting older people into homes for respite (!) who then never go home : tragic.

We all get old , if we’re lucky; the manner of aging may not be ideal but , with the help of the community around us, it can be a happy time, providing our so -called compassionate society helps.

I suspect the push for euthanasia is based on almost any issue except ‘mercy’ by those who are pushing it so hard. Totalitarian and other forms of government

gradually push the limits to all sorts of disabilities who are just ‘ an expensive nuisance ‘.

One day it will be you or yours AND YOU MIGHTN’T BE OLD !

Yours faithfully,  
Catriona Pickett.