Submission Cover Sheet

End of Life Choices in the ACT

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Dear members of this Committee,

I have the full intention to commit suicide when I am convinced that “it is enough”. I understand that the limits for that decision like mobility, independance and “no pain” might change slightly over the years, but please accept that I will make that decision when I reckon it MY time. There is NOTHING that could stop me making that decision, so why would my community stop me to carry it out with some form of dignity. Why not with a family gathering and friends around; why would these gutless polititians reckon that they have the right or rather the obligation to “protect’ me from that kind of celebration ?? Why would this kind of “goodwill and care” from our administration force me into a messy and probably very unpleasant suicide? Am I poorly informed and is suicide still regarded as a criminal act? Please decide to help people like me to end their lifespan with dignity and surrounded by their loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

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