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### 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 strongly disagree with euthanasia. Looking at other countries where euthanasia is practised gives ample evidence for why ACT should not go down this path. The reports of malpractice and lack of safeguards for patients is horrifying. My personal experience of nursing my young husband(41)with cancer cemented my stance on loving and caring until death. We had 4 children aged 9 to 17. Together with extended family, we nursed him with invaluable, professional ACT palliative care team. Our family has powerful stories; unexpected reconciliations, heart secrets shared, heart desires and confessions. I saw a rawness as death approaches; sacred ground like no other. Euthanasia would bypass these great treasures. A precious friend has advanced cancer throughout her brain and body. I am so grateful to the ACT palliative care team helping family care for her at home. Only yesterday, she apologised for something she alone remembers and gave me one of her loved books. She is living longer than expected; she and all are happy for each extra day!

Sincerely,  
Christine Carden

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