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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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I am sixty seven years of age and carer of my elderly mother, Cynthia Wicks. It is not just on my behalf but on hers that I write this submission supporting Voluntary Euthanasia. We have long argued that as long as the checks and balances have been put into place, (which have been operating successfully in other more progressive countries and will soon be operating in Victoria)) it is an individual's right to decide when and how to end their lives. We also argue that any individual politician has the right to die a long and painful death should they so choose, but he/she does NOT have the right to impose this kind of death on others, no matter what their conscience or their religion might dictate. This issue is about freedom of choice, for them and everyone other adult in Australia.

My name is Steph McCarthy, I live at [REDACTED] Eden Hills SA 5050, and my phone number is [REDACTED]. Email address is [REDACTED]

Cynthia Wicks lives at [REDACTED] Eden Hills. Her phone number is [REDACTED], and she does not have an email address.