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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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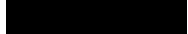
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I am concerned at the proposed legislation. There are certainly issues at the end of life for many people. Over-medication keeps many people alive for too long. But I don't agree that doctors should be empowered to administer end of life medication. Palliative care should be extended to as many patients as possible.

My late husband was Dutch and had relatives in the Netherlands, one of whom strongly supported the legislation for ending life there. But it was not a view widely held by other relatives.

I am not in favour of the proposed legislation.

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