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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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Dear friends,

I am writing to voice my concern about any intention to legislate the possibility of assisted suicide. My experiences at Clare Holland House over the years has convinced me that dying with dignity through natural causes, even when there is chronic pain, is a much better option than prematurely ending ones life by euthanasia. I have witnessed again and again how people who have chronic pain have been able to have that pain significantly reduced and in most cases eliminated. It has been inspiring to see people die with dignity at the time that is given to them. We do not need to , nor do we have the right to intervene by determining the time of our own death or that of anyone else's death.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Barker

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