



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT

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MEDIA RELEASE

Community views sought on end of life choices

A Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly is seeking community views on issues involving end of life choices.

The Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT, Bec Cody MLA said the Committee has today provide ACT resident with the opportunity to have their say on an issue that affects everyone.

“The Committee will be examining all issues around end of life care including palliative care, the practices of physicians assisting at this stage, practices in other jurisdictions and the current framework of legislation.” Ms Cody said.

Over the coming months the Committee expects to talk to medical and legal experts, and a wide range of groups and individuals in the ACT for whom end of life choices are an important and crucial issue.

Ms Cody said the Committee has called for written submissions which focus on:

- (1) current practices utilised in the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preference in managing the end of their life, including palliative care;
- (2) ACT community views on the desirability of voluntary assisted dying being legislated in the ACT;
- (3) risks to individuals and the community associated with voluntary assisted dying and whether and how these can be managed;
- (4) the applicability of voluntary assisted dying schemes operating in other jurisdictions to the ACT, particularly the Victorian scheme;
- (5) the impact of Federal legislation on the ACT determining its own policy on voluntary assisted dying and the process for achieving change; and
- (6) any other relevant matter

Ms Cody noted that the Committee is asking that submissions be lodged by c.o.b. Friday 23 February 2018.

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Committee website – https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/select_committees/end-of-life-choices

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