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Re: I am an ACT resident, here is my submission to the inquiry

Dear Secretary,

My name is Ian Brearley, grandfather, and I live in the ACT with my wife of 42 years. What about the case of Dodie Osteen, of Houston, Texas, famed wife of now-deceased Pastor John Osteen. Her body was riddled with cancer, and she was given 6 weeks to live. That was over 30 years ago now, and she's still going strong. Doctors, however skilled and well-intentioned, are only mortals, so are fallible, just like you and me. Experience in jurisdictions like Holland, who have had legalised euthanasia for years, show that there is a "slippery slope" in this. As time goes by, more and more people feel coerced into "unburdening their relatives" and just putting an end to life. The problem is that most family members who would be called upon for an opinion as whether to end the life or not, would be beneficiaries of any estate. A more Godly and compassionate approach would be to provide pain relief until natural death occurred. Kill the pain, and not the patient.

Sincerely,
Ian Brearley

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