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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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

Dear Secretary,

Dear Ladies & Gentleman it was not that long ago I sat on a bench with a friend I knew in the Tuggeranong. Hyperdome he has suffered his whole life with bipolar and the long term consequences of childhood polio and also suffers immense pain he had no job at the time and was about to lose his home, he told me it was it his intent to commit suicide as there were no other options left, He at the time was in a deep depression which really compouds pain and just makes you want to die. We were have coffee and discuss his situation a bit he was to tired of the pain to tired of feeling sad. This man is now still in pain but has a new job and living as a productive member of society. I speak this not just for this man but myself who has have had to suffer from chronic pain and illness for 28 years. I have suffered from extreme depression and dibilitating pain there were times I wanted to die because of however I became a productive member of society again there are some very good doctors and specialists out there but but what I have also found is some are way to over confident in their own ability and that is when mistakes get made. One thing that sticks out to me is how far is this going to go I know it sounds like we are doing right thing now by letting people out of their pain, but what about people who spend there whole lives in chronic pain should we let them suicide? What about the one suffering schizophrenia  
thankyou for your time.

Sincerely,  
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