



SENATOR Dr SAM McMAHON

SENATOR FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Dear Senator Gallagher,

I am writing in relation to my proposal to legislate to give the Northern Territory (NT) the powers to legislate on the issue of euthanasia, among other things.

In your public commentary as well as in a petition you have launched, you claim that Senator Zed Seselja deliberately blocked me from including the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in my proposed legislation.

I wish to clarify to you that your assertions are completely false, baseless and incorrect.

I can categorically confirm that I made the decision of my own accord as a Senator for the NT to prepare legislation affecting the people of the NT to only include the NT. I considered it would not be appropriate for me as an NT representative to prepare Private Senators' legislation affecting the citizens of any other jurisdiction. I can further confirm to you that at no stage in my conversations with Senator Seselja did he instruct me on how I should draft my legislation.

Based on your public commentary, you appear to support extending my proposed legislation to include the ACT. Given there is nothing preventing you from either co-sponsoring my bill or presenting your own Private Senators' Bill, I would invite you as an ACT representative to move amendments so that both the NT and the ACT are included, consistent with your public position on this issue.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Sam McMahon
Senator for the Northern Territory

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SAM', written in a cursive style.

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