Submission Cover Sheet

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,

I am concerned about legalising euthanasia mainly because it is too hard to ensure that the individual's consent is not fabricated by family members or others who manipulate procedures to their own advantage such as the desire to gain their inheritance early. How can we legislate against this type of elder abuse or even murder when the perpetrator claims the "victim" requested assistance to end his/her life? Palliative care and hospices are currently able to help patients to deal with their pain, if that is the main reason why someone seeks euthanasia. In light of the above, I request the ACT Government NOT to legalise euthanasia.

Sincerely,
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