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Hello

I would like to make a submission to support NT's proposed legislation. It is a serious issue. As an individual who is just beginning this path in Queensland, I cannot tell you just how much this means.

Yes many people won't necessarily use it but it makes such a difference to their last months of life, just knowing it is there if the pain and indignity of it all becomes too much to bear. It is like a weight lifted off the terminally ill patients shoulders and their quality of life improves mentally because of it. It amazes me we give our animals this choice but not our friends, family and others.

I am happy to answer the questions.

1. Do you support making VAD legal in the NT?.....Yes
2. What eligibility criteria should a person need to meet before they can access VAD?
..... I think the Queensland Legislation is very safe and efficient for all concerned . A good model.
3. How could the NT make sure that an eligible person can access VAD in a safe and effective way, including people living in remote areas, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? again I think following Queensland Legislation is advisable while reflecting ATSI cultural norms.
4. How could the NT monitor the process to ensure VAD is delivered safely and effectively?.....I would suggest following what works. Why reinvent the wheel? Queensland Legislation has proven to be successful in every way.

Thank you. I look forward to seeing this legislation passed.

Regards

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