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I support legislating VAD in the NT.

My reasons why the NT should join the rest of Australia in passing a safeguarded and compassionate VAD law:

- Firstly, for what valid reason should the NT be the only state/territory unable to bring this into law? I cannot think of one, and it will be an outrage if this continues to be the case in 2025 onwards!
- It was very successful when it was first legislated in the NT and all family and friends of those who were able to access VAD were relieved and at peace with the decision made by those participants back then. It was fully supported by every single person I know. I personally knew one of those participants and he was incredibly grateful to use VAD.
- One person with religious beliefs DICTATED to shut it down for the majority of us in the NT who have no religious ties or beliefs! Religion should never have anything to do with VAD, there must be no relation or link between the two.
- This is a law intended for individuals making their own personal decision, on a case by case basis. Nothing more than that.
- Non-believers cannot possibly believe this is a compulsory activity! They need their head examined if that is their belief, and they are a true example of the type of person who should not have anything to do with this decision!
- For those who do not believe in VAD, please, for the love of god, let those of us who have our own faith and personal reasons, decide for ourselves.
- This is merely a path to take when there is no humane future to look forward to. Do not take that freedom of decision making away from the majority of us.
- We do understand there is a minority group who do not believe in VAD, and guess what, all of us respect that decision too. Now do the same for the majority of us, please, and respect our decision to use VAD.
- VAD is beautifully administered for animals, therefore, there is absolutely no reason why we can't have that same option for humans.
- VAD has to be made available in the NT. Looking at the statistics of people accessing VAD in Australia now, I am so proud to see there is obvious compassion for people suffering in those states and feel grateful they were able to decide for themselves to use the VAD available to them. With no such compassion currently in the NT, I can only wish those in charge of making this decision do the right thing for the majority of us very soon. You may find the population decreases for this reason alone.

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