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On 5 Aug 2025, at 06:36, [REDACTED]
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You will recall how Aussie David Goodall made news when at 104 years of age, he was compelled to turn to Pegasos in Basel for medical assistance to end his unbearable life because he was unable to meet the VAD requirements in his own country . Fortunately , wheelchair

bound David Goodall desperate for his forever rest was assisted by Exit International to fly all that distance to Basel in Switzerland to have his final wish granted and he's now at peace with no more pain and suffering . As a consequence of that , the Swiss doctors rightly slammed Australia supposedly an advanced country for its backward VAD laws that are totally useless for those suffering unbearable pain and misery unless they are terminally ill.

Not every person in advanced old age desperate to escape their hell on earth can afford to fly to Basel in Switzerland . This is why a lot of us seniors in NT are hoping and praying that at least the NT govt will be more progressive thinking and compassionate when passing our own VAD legislation to spare a thought not only for the sufferings of the terminally ill but also for those who are not terminally ill but are suffering just as badly and unbearably all the same . NT can lead the way by showing the rest of Australia how the powers-that-be (the lawmakers) here can be more progressive , compassionate and inclusive in

their approach to end of life matters . After all , the NT was the first jurisdiction in Oz to pass VAD legislation thanks to chief minister Marshall Perron 30 years ago at a time when VAD wasn't even considered by any other govt in Australia.

Kind regards , Poh Lim