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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 agree with the eligibility criteria outlined in the Consultation Paper regarding minimum age, residency, eligible condition and decision-making capacity. I hope that in the future some of the issues which might arise (as available in other countries) might be considered, as the ACT will do in their first review in 2027.

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?

Once the legislation is passed it needs to become embedded in the health system. It should not be politicised. Those working in the health system who are opposed to VAD should not be forced into doing things that they oppose.

4. How could the NT monitor the process to ensure VAD is delivered safely and effectively?

Right from the start it should be monitored, and thoroughly reviewed along the way. We should take good examples from other states and territories to be able to do this.

Information should be transparent (without personal details) so that the community can trust what is happening.

Thank you  
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