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My apologies there was a glitch with my previous email's formatting.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is LeAnn Angel and my postcode is [REDACTED].

As we all know, the Northern Territory was the first in the world to legally implement VAD. During the time that the Northern Territory was able to establish VAD, they had the first person in the world to Implement VAD. Then VAD was taken from the Northern Territory. All these years later, we are seeking to have this injustice corrected. The Northern Territory has some variances from their neighbours, the states but, the Northern Territory is quite capable of establishing the legal and safe way for their territory.

Yes, I do believe that our Northern Territory deserves VAD.

In my opinion, in order for a person to be eligible for VAD, a person must be:

- Diagnosed with an incurable disease, illness, medical condition that is advanced, progressive and will cause death within a decided time frame. This is causing suffering that cannot be relieved in a manner the person finds tolerable
- Capable of making decisions about their medical treatment and be able to communicate those decisions throughout the assessment process
- Acting freely and without coercion
- Aged 18+
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in the Northern Territory for at least 6 months

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?

One very plain and simple way to secure safety, especially in the very remote areas, is to allow the doctor and patient to use telehealth. The patient needs to work with two doctors. One can be seen through telehealth, but the other doctor must be seen in person.

How could the NT monitor the process to ensure VAD is delivered safely and effectively? There needs to be many people trained in the various aspects of VAD. There needs to be a governing body overseeing each case within the various groupings. An annual report will be completed reporting on the success of each layer.

Many thanks for your consideration of this essential service.

LeAnn Angel

