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Dear Panel

I am writing to express my views on Voluntary assisted dying. I believe it should be each individual's right to choose if they access the right to die when they have a terminal diagnosis and do not want to prolong their death. If a person has made their wishes clear before the very end stage, through an Advanced care plan, and consultations with the Doctor, VAD must be accessible if their health unexpectedly deteriorates and affects their sound mind. The NT plan to have 12 monthly time frame for seems reasonable.

I trust that the work of the other states in framing the legislation and their feedback about the process would form the basis of the NT legislation. I expect that the NT health professionals and legislative experts will use the current legislation in other states and the experience of those states in implementing and executing the laws, to shape the most suitable laws regarding safe access for all Territorians, and also the best strategies for monitoring safety and effectiveness. I will leave those decisions to experts

My concern is that each individual in the NT has the right to choose whether to access this. Those opposed to it have the right to choose not.

I strongly request the NT acts with speed to finally legislate VAD for those wanting to access it.

Yours faithfully

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