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Would you kindly consider my following submission to the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Inquiry:

My name is Lance Alan of the House Box

I lived just on 20 years in the Northern Territory, 5 years in Lajamanu, 10 years in Alice Springs and 5 years in Darwin. [REDACTED]

I strongly oppose the proposed move to introduce legislation that introduces so-called, "Voluntary Assisted Dying".

My reasons for opposing this move are as follows:

1. Assisted dying is either murder or suicide, and sanctioning medical-assisted murder or suicide creates a blurred distinction in law – how can those who murder under current laws relating to the taking of life prematurely be logically distinguished from medical practitioners doing the same. Western jurisprudence requires equity at law. What is allowed for one is allowed for another.
2. Medical involvement in the taking of life has historically been treated as a crime against humanity – I refer to the Nuremberg trials and the jailing and hanging of those medical practitioners who murdered people in the name of scientific progress.
3. We have palliative care processes and procedures that are far more humane for those who suffer under terminal conditions. Dignity in the dying process can be maintained without resorting to murder/suicide as the final solution.
4. Everywhere VAD laws have been introduced, they have always been stretched to include more and more conditions where murder and assisted suicide is sanctioned. Such laws are the gateway to a culture of ever increasing selective eugenics. I strongly oppose elitist propensity to treat the majority of humanity as merely cattle to be milked and arbitrarily disposed of when they are no longer considered useful for the common good. Every living man and living woman is created in the image of God (imago dei) and has unique value because of that image. It is God Who appoints the day of our death, not self-serving men.
5. A large number of the NT population is Aboriginal. Throughout the many Aboriginal communities and people groups in the NT, suicide and murder is strongly opposed. Few of those people will be properly informed of what is implied in the introduction of VAD legislation. This will become rule without consent, which is contrary to our Westminster tradition of government and Common Law heritage.
6. The Northern Territory has said, "No!" to assisted murder/suicide in the past on numerous occasions. No means NO. Stop the harassment, already. NO VAD for NT.

Please record my opposition to this proposed legislation. I do not give consent for this kind of law to be rolled out in the Northern Territory.

Lance Alan

of the House Box