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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the legislation of Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) in the Northern Territory. As a resident and healthcare worker in remote communities across Central Australia, I witness firsthand the immense value our elders and older generations bring to our society. These individuals carry irreplaceable stories, wisdom, and cultural history that enrich our communities and shape our identity as a nation. When they pass, we risk losing their invaluable knowledge and legacy forever.

Our responsibility as a society is to honor, support, and care for our elders, just as they have nurtured and supported us throughout their lives. Providing compassionate care and meaningful support reflects our moral and social standing as a nation. Rather than offering a “needle of death,” we must prioritise resources and services that promote dignity, comfort, and quality of life for our elderly and vulnerable populations.

Legislating VAD undermines the fundamental principle of valuing life at all stages. I urge the Northern Territory government to focus on strengthening palliative care and community support systems instead of introducing measures that could diminish the sanctity of life.

Sincerely,
Kristy Howard