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Dear Tanzil Rahman MLA,

I have lived in the NT since 1976. My very best friend Patricia Hancock ran the committee enquiry into Euthanasia back when Marshal Perron was CM. It was extensive. She told me she felt like she was contacted by every older person from around the world, wishing the choice could be available in their home country. And we had it. Briefly.

Please, now many countries have this so do our states and Canberra..we will be the last jurisdiction to legalise it.

Under the Labour Govt, the committee that drew up the 2024 report recommending drafting legislation was completed by professional people in consultation with all vested departments and public including 15 different indigenous communities plus conferences interstate.

Now, this government wants to try to put it on the back burner completely, or at the most, start from scratch once again! This is an insult to those people who worked so hard on that committee and to the people of the Northern Territory.

I wasn't visited by you, my local MLA, before the election. If I had seen you I would have asked CLP's view on VAD, the answer may have had me voting Labour for the first time in my life. But me, a sensible person, assumed that the ongoing work by Labour would carry on with the incoming government. How silly of me.

For goodness sake.

I would have sent this email anyway, as my thoughts are not wavering.. but this has just in the last few weeks become very personal to me..I have just been told I have cancer, have appointments this week to see the prognosis. Hopefully, it can be treated. But if not, when the time arrives I want the choice to end MY life on MY terms.

Please!

In the meantime, my daughter's dog was operated on to remove a spleen and tumour. The prognosis will give the dog more time with the family but the choice has already been made that when she starts to suffer she will be put to sleep. How humane.

So, on top of dealing with my treatment, subsequent sickness and worry my option at the moment is to establish myself with an interstate residence. Then, when I decide enough is enough, travel there with all my family in tow to end my life with a bit of dignity.

Really? Come on, just get on with it, legalise VAD.. this is what the majority of the NT population request.

Yours sincerely,  
Carol Doyle

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