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Dear Committee Members

I am a 91-years-old resident of the Northern Territory and would like your support for Voluntary Assisted Dying.

I would go further than the legislation already offered in all other parts of Australia. I have maintained an Aged Care directive for more than 10 years in which I assert that if anything happens to me that is life-threatening, I do not want medical intervention - I wish to be allowed to die, as long as I am made comfortable if I am in pain.

At my age there is a 50% likelihood that I will suffer cognitive decline and even dementia, which could negate the wishes I have expressed. I believe that for an elderly person who has expressed their desires whilst having full capacity, their wishes should be met, ignoring any other wishes expressed by the family, or the medical profession looking after them, even if they are considered to have lost capacity to make decisions in this matter.. Voluntary Assisted Dying is a choice. It does not affect people with contrary religious or cultural beliefs, who do not wish to participate.

I strongly urge that you support this legislation, and include the extra consideration that I believe should be my protection, so that my wishes are fulfilled.

I am a resident of the [REDACTED] and would be happy to discuss this matter further with any of your committee, or any other elected member who will be voting on this issue.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Opie

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